

# MERRIMACK RIVER NAVIGABLE

## LLOYD GEORGE SAYS PEACE IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT REPARATION

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Premier Lloyd George said in the house of commons today that it was not possible to know before entering on negotiations, that Germany is prepared to accede to the only terms whereupon it is possible for peace to be obtained and maintained in Europe.

The premier said that without reparation by Germany peace would be impossible.

Mr. Lloyd George said there were no proposals for peace. To enter into proposals of which they had no knowledge was to put their heads into a noose with the rope end in the hands of Germany.

Such as they looked for it, the premier added, the central powers' note and the speech preceding it afforded small encouragement and hope for an honorable and lasting peace.

"Our answer will be given in full accord with our allies. Each of the allies has separately and independently arrived at the same conclusion. I am glad of the first answer given by France and Russia."

Mr. Lloyd George said the allies would insist that the only end of the war must be a complete guaranty against Prussian militarism disturbing the peace of Europe.

The formal reply of the allies, the premier announced, will be given in the course of a few days.

The premier said: "We will await until we hear what terms and guarantees there are surer than those which Germany broke. Meanwhile we put our trust in our unbroken army."

## SHIP SUNK; 17 AMERICANS KILLED

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The first appearance of David Lloyd George before the house of commons as premier was made today in circumstances seldom if ever faced by a new holder of the office. Even if peace proposals of the central powers had not intervened his statement of the policy of his government which was chosen in reply to a public demand for more vigorous prosecution of the war would have marked an important step in the world conflict. The peace note, however, shifted the interest and every corner of the world awaited the announcement as to the British attitude toward the move of the central powers.

The speech was so well kept that the best informed parliamentary correspondents differed as to the treatment the peace proposals would receive. The London papers which support the Lloyd George government most strongly expressed the view that the government had decided a conference on Germany's terms would not be considered. Even the most provincial papers warned the pacifists they had best make no such claims that a prompt truce would be forthcoming. But the hope was expressed in many quarters, notwithstanding the fact that the German note contained no terms that Premier Lloyd George would be a little more conciliatory and give the central powers some hints as to what they would have to give as the price of peace.

Besides the peace proposals the premier had to deal with many questions facing the new government including the drastic war emergency measures.

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Written by George Myers of the Lowell High School Commercial Dept.

1917

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## U. S. CHIEF OF ENGINEERS FAVORS MERRIMACK RIVER PLAN

### General Black Concurs With Recommendation of Board of Engineers to Make the Merrimack Navigable From Lowell to the Sea

The following special despatch shows that General Black has concurred in the recommendation of the United States army engineers for a plan of making the Merrimack river navigable from Lowell to the sea.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19, 1916.—Congressman Rogers today received the following letter from General Black which gives gratifying assurance of Merrimack River improvements:

"Hon. John Jacob Rogers, Congressman 5th District—

"Dear Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your very interesting statement of Nov. 14, 1916, with reference to the additional information that I desired concerning the Merrimack River project, and I take pleasure in stating that I have today concurred in the recommendation of the board of engineers for rivers and harbors, that the United States undertake this work upon the basis of co-operation recommended by the board.

"Very respectfully,

WM. BLACK, Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army."

The proposition is that the federal government pay fifty per cent. and the state of Massachusetts the other fifty per cent.. The estimated expense is approximately seven million dollars. Congressman Rogers has worked unrelentingly to bring about the co-operation of the federal government and is much gratified at the victory just announced.

COWS HIT BY FELS TOOK BIG FIGHT ON

ELECTRIC CAR GUN AWAY

CAR FROM BAD MAN

A Chelmsford Centre electric car crashed into three cows belonging to Samuel Kramer, a Dracut slaughter house proprietor, near Golden Cove park about 6 o'clock last evening, injuring one of the cows so badly that it was necessary to shoot it. The other two were cut in several places.

The three cows were in a herd of about 12 that were being driven toward Chelmsford Centre by Mr. Kramer and an employee. The spot where the accident occurred is very dark and it is believed that the motorman was not aware that the cows were being driven so close to the track. As the car approached the cattle rushed onto the track and three were struck. One, claimed by Mr. Kramer to be the most valuable in the herd, had every rib on its right side broken. The office of the Lowell Humane society was notified and Agent Richardson went to the scene and shot the animal. Cattle Inspector Arnold Perham of Chelmsford was also present. The car that struck the cows was put out of commission and car service on the Chelmsford Centre line was held up for some time.

Angered over a slight altercation that took place a few days ago and armed with a loaded revolver, John Nowak, a powerfully built young man, walked from his room in a tenement house at 326 Fletcher street last night and threatened to shoot the landlord, his wife and 12-year-old daughter without any further discussion. James Fells, an occupant of a tenement above, heard the loud talking and screaming of the women and went down stairs. When he saw Nowak place his hand on his hip as though to draw the revolver, Fells grabbed him, took the pistol and then reported the matter to Patrolman James J. Noonan, who made the arrest.

Nowak was arraigned in police court this forenoon charged with unlawfully carrying a pistol. He pleaded guilty, offering as an excuse that he found the weapon on the street while re-

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## COUNCIL VOTES \$27,000 FOR PURCHASE OF PARK AND PLAYGROUND

The municipal council held a meeting this morning at 10 o'clock and after doing considerable routine business held a recess until 11:15, when a conference was held with a committee of the board of trade relative to the adoption of an ordinance governing shingles and fire prevention.

The Bay State Street Railway Co. petitioned for the changing of one pole on the westerly side of Boylston street, corner of Rogers. A representative of the company said the petition is on a request of the park superintendent.

The Lowell Electric Light Corporation petitioned for the location of two poles on Winthrop avenue and one pole on Chapel street between Pollard and Walnut streets. Referred.

A hearing was given on the petition of Alfred Armstrong for a garage at the Waterhead mills on Lawrence street.

The Lowell Electric Light Corp. petitioned for underground conduits on School street, across the Pawtucket bridge and on Varnum avenue, also for one pole on Loring street, one on Willow street, and underground conduits on Warren street. A hearing was set for Jan. 9 at 10 a. m.

Petitions for garage licenses were requested by Armand V. Secard, 724, Moody street; Joseph B. V. Coburn, Continued to page three

THE MORRIS PLAN COMPANY

New Banking Institution

Organized In This City

Organization Completed and Officers Elected—Papers Filed Today



JOHN H. MURPHY

Treasurer and General Manager

The organization of the Lowell Morris Plan Co., a \$100,000 corporation, has been completed and the incorporation papers have been filed at the state house. The entire capital stock has been raised, \$75,000 in Lowell and the balance in New York city.

John H. Murphy, secretary of the Lowell board of trade for almost six years, has been elected treasurer and general manager, and will assume his duties Jan. 1. A meeting of the incorporators has been held and the following have been elected officers and directors:

President, Robert F. Madden; Vice presidents, George Stevens and Harry Dunlap; treasurer and clerk, John H. Murphy; directors, J. Harry Boardman, W. Herrick Braden, Edward P. Carey, Austin K. Chadwick, Harold L. Chalfoux, Frederick C. Church, Frank

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TO VACCINATE WHOLE CITY OF WATERBURY

EFFORT TO CHECK THE SPREAD OF SMALL POX NOW PREVALENT THERE

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 18.—The whole city of Waterbury may have been vaccinated in an effort to check the spread of small pox now prevalent there, in the opinion of Dr. John T. Black, secretary of the state board of health. With 104 cases reported from that city up to today and three additional from a small neighboring town, Dr. Black said the situation had assumed serious proportions.

There were 118,110 men registered and 10,918 women. The women voted only for the school committee. Last year approximately 70 per cent out of a registration of about 100,000 voted and the city went license by \$1,238.

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# PLAIN TALK BY FAMOUS ATHLETE ON ATHLETICS



Charlie Brickley, the former Harvard athlete, he said, "he determined to football, baseball, basketball and track, and at present coach of the Boston college, gave a very interesting and instructive lecture before the members of the Holy Name Boys' club and the Holy Name society in the Sacred Heart school hall last evening. The hall was crowded to the doors and all thoroughly enjoyed the talk.

Brickley, who, while actively engaged in athletics set up a record that has never been equalled and probably will never be surpassed, and who during the past season, won remarkable prominence as a coach for the manner in which he brought the Boston college eleven up to its highest standard in years, is a very modest young man, and the life lessons he drew from his experience on the gridiron proved inspiring to all.

Last night's meeting opened with an address of welcome by George E. Conant, president of the Holy Name society. Rev. Henry Burns, O.M.I., was then called upon, and he introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Brickley. The speaker, who is a very well known athlete, praised the famous athlete for his many good qualities, characterizing him as an exemplary athlete, student and Catholic young man. He said that the man the years of his fame and fame were on the line of all followers of athletics, Charlie Brickley, and that it was credit to those who assisted him in making such remarkable records, and never neglected his studies or his religion. He then related some very interesting sidelights, revealing the greatest traits of character. He said that he could talk until midnight on Brickley, but would be brief as he realized it was anxious to hear the famous athlete. He outlined Brickley's career at Harvard, his Harvard career, and his career at Boston college, and finally called upon the guest of the evening. Brickley was then introduced by Mr. Burns, and a delegation from Boston college stood up and gave several college yells.

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**Practice and Study**  
Here is where you must work: you must learn to practice and study. And you must also study while in the classroom. Do not think that because you are an athlete that you are not supposed to study. It used to be the case that a star player, who could keep up in his studies, would be called a hero. Now it is different. The world's champion, to come here, and feels that if the Chicago man turns down the local ring manager's good offer that he will be convinced that the champion does not want to risk his title.

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## CARL MORRIS MAY SEEK CRAVATH MAY GO BACK TO PACIFIC COAST

**PHILIP SLUGGER SAID TO BE THROUGH IN MAJOR LEAGUES—MAY GO TO VERNON CLUB**

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—In case no major league club wants Cravath, which seems rather unlikely, it is rumored that Pat Moran of the Phillies, disappointed by the refusal of the National league to test the players limit to 25 men, will let the famous slugger go back to the coast.

Many were the knickers who took part in the snail chorus that told of the short-comings of Gavy Cravath for his failure to come across with 50 or 100 home runs in the 1915 world series and his neglect to bust fences all along the line last season.

Moran, in his announcement of Cravath's probable retirement, remarked that he thought Gavy was "through."

No doubt Gavy was near the end of major league efficiency last season, nevertheless, there will be many times in 1917 when the much feared big stick would be sadly missed by the Phillies.

It seems to be the consensus of opinion that Gavy will go to the Vernon club in the Pacific Coast league, where he will probably be the terror of opposing hurlers for some time to come.

**CHARLIE SHEPPARD**  
Dubious Decision Saved McManus From Defeat at the Hands of Lowell Boy Last Night

GLOUCESTER, Dec. 19.—A dubious decision, to say the least, saved Frankie McManus of Salem from receiving his quietus from Charlie Sheppard of Lowell at the Lenox A.C. last night.

In the fourth, Sheppard was disqualified for an alleged foul blow. Sheppard had McManus groggy and holding on from the second round. McManus continually broke ground and was on the defense in the third.

Sheppard really had the fight won, but the crowd was partisan, which may have affected the sudden ending. Experienced observers in the ringside seats saw no sudden change in the blows.

Had Martin of Lynn been awarded the decision over John Partello, a brother of Joe Chick, in the middle of the fourth round.

**MEYERS SHADES KRAMER**  
TACONIC, Dec. 19.—Billy Meyers of Boston had a slight lead on Billy Kramer of New York in the feature contest of 12 rounds in the Anawan A.A. show at the Broadway rink last night. Kramer subbed for Young Britt, who pleaded bolts as an excuse for not going through with his end. Battling Hurley of Boston won from Hankie "Chapman" of Lynn in the six-round semi-final. Kid Mack of Fall River beat Mickey Ward of Providence in a funny bout. Young Journey of Providence was stopped by Ed Sweeney of New Bedford in the third round of the opening bout.

The next show of the club will be held on New Year's night. Mel Coogan of Brooklyn has been secured to meet Larry Hansen of New York in the feature event.

**LOWELL DOCTOR BACK FROM BORDER**

Dr. Mason D. Bryant, captain of the First Massachusetts Ambulance detachment, returned home last night after a service of six months along the Mexican border. He is well known in the city and is the picture of health. He talks interestingly of his experiences and after being at the front for half a year and seeing the condition of affairs in military circles is a strong believer in compulsory military service.

He is also of the opinion that moral training is a reason for thinking of being that officers and men in general should be trained to retire after Oregon had passed through Texas soil from the north and surrounded him. Villa's army to the United States began at that time.

Continuing with his interview, Dr. Bryant said he placed any value on human life, however. They tell a story about Dr. Kraus in El Paso treating the bandit, and barely escaping with his life because of false representations made concerning the treatment. It seems that a chemist employed by Villa made a fee of \$1500 he charged, then divided between doctor and chemist.

The doctor refused to be a party to such a transaction. Later, Villa called for him. Upon entering the Villa quarters, Dr. Kraus heard the captain, who he had seen in the past, surrounded by soldiers. Villa was trying with a 45 calibre pistol. Villa accused the doctor of trying to poison him. It was a game of life and the doctor fully realized it. He quietly informed Villa of the chemist's crooked proposition, and as quietly asked for the amount due. Villa delivered the money at once, then went into his pockets for the fee, passed it over and exhaled the physician. I did not learn what happened to the chemist.

Stationed at El Paso  
The ambulance detachment was stationed in the El Paso district for about six months. The altitude there is high and while as a general rule the temperatures were high during the daytime, at night were cool. Tent stoves, excursions and sweaters were very useful prior to the detachment leaving the border. Five deaths from pneumonia were recorded, the high altitude making the illness hard to combat. There were few cases of typhoid fever. The states army regulations keeping the town to a minimum. He said that the use of anti-typhoid serum was about to be employed when the ambulance corps left camp.

"A 10 days' trip from El Paso to Las Cruces and return, about 110 miles, was made at the expense of our experience," said Capt. Bryant. The last seven days of hiking was done in a heavy downpour of rain, the first time in the history of the place, according to the natives that it rained so hard for so many consecutive days.

The march, the soldiers and equipment were spread over a distance of from 12 to 14 miles and owing to the fact that there was but one road the head of the moving line would have to stop in order to allow the rear end to catch up.

Water Very Scarce  
Water was so scarce we were forced to bring it along in petroleum tanks where it was removed to the hospital from El Paso, and for wood we had to take it in the ambulance.

Frank Powell of Nashua, N. H., was struck by an electric car in Hudson Saturday and he received a bad cut on the nose. He was placed aboard a Lowell car and taken to Nashua, where he was removed to the hospital from El Paso, and for wood we had to take it in the ambulance.

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## TELEPHONE EMPLOYEES LUCKY PEOPLE

As stated in last Saturday's issue of The Sun the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. will distribute to more than 13,000 of its employees the sum of over \$600,000. The distribution will be made a week from tomorrow.

Employees who have been in the service one year or more will receive three weeks' pay. Employees who have been in the service less than one year but not less than three months will receive two weeks' pay. No employee will receive more than \$175 and no employee of less than three months' service and no general official will in any way share in the payments. While in no sense a holiday present, the fact that it comes most unexpectedly at this time of the year makes it a most timely evidence of the continued concern of the company's officers for the welfare of its employees. This distribution to employees, amounting to over \$600,000, was decided by the directors of the New England Telephone and Telegraph company at their meeting in Boston. Naturally, the "voice with the smile" is particularly in evidence among telephone employees, without regard to sex or relative rank.

In connection with this announcement, President Spaulding said: "The revenues of the company depend on the rates for service allowed by the commissions, and should provide for all expenses, a fair return to the owners of the property, and a surplus to care for emergencies. Their sufficiency is judged by the results of a period of years for it is not feasible to be constantly modifying rates on the one hand, and expenses on the other, to meet changes occurring in general business conditions. In this

respect the Telephone company is entirely different from the manufacturer, who from time to time increases or decreases his forces as the demand for his product increases or decreases and changes his wage schedules to conform to changes in the selling price of his goods and changing profit of his business.

"Employment in the Telephone company is practically continuous, and furthermore, a special benefit fund has been created to insure reasonable security of the income of its employees against the emergencies of sickness, accident or death, and to provide a pension for those who have served the company faithfully and grown old in its service. Nevertheless, without trying to pry into the private affairs of our people, we have been impressed with knowledge, gained from many sources, that the present increase in the cost of the necessities of life was seriously discomforting some of our employees.

"We found that this affected no particular employees, or even class of employees, but that the burden of increased expenses was being felt generally by employees receiving \$3000 and less, and especially by such as were heads of families or had others dependent upon them. We desire a high quality service from all, and we desire also the feeling that we are all one big business family and that the welfare of each is the concern of all, and especially is it the concern of those having administrative duties. After gathering such facts as seemed necessary for a definite opinion on the subject, I recommended to our directors the plan which they unanimously adopted today.

"We shall make the payments next week Wednesday. They will represent, not charity, on the one hand nor a raise of wages on the other, but rather, if I can reduce the idea to a phrase, messages of good-will, understanding and appreciation on the part of the officers of the company for efficient and loyal employees in a temporary time of stress."

## FRANCOIS, ON LEAVE, SEES HIMSELF REFLECTED IN PARIS BEAUTY'S HAT



FRANCOIS ON LEAVE SEES HIS HELMET REFLECTED

Of course the war has affected fashions, and the battlefield is reflected in many a martial cloak and hat. Paris knows well how to take the latest development in military garb and give them the touches that adapt them to feminine wear. One such adaptation

is seen in the picture with its original. The French soldier on leave in Paris is confronted with a pretty girl wearing an imitation of his own steel helmet of the latest type. The girl's headgear is not of steel, of course; its material is velvet.

### COUNCIL VOTES \$27,000 Continued

corner of Riverside and Orford streets, and Hilzer Roux, 91 Methuen street. A formal order on the result of the city election was adopted.

A favorable report was given on the petition of the Lowell Electric Light Corp. for one pole on Jefferson street between Lewis and Market streets and one pole on Plummer avenue between East Merrimack and Andover streets.

#### Fire-Proof Shingles

A communication was received from the board of trade requesting a conference with the municipal council on the matter of adopting an ordinance on fire-proof shingles and the time of the conference was set for 11.15 a. m. The conference was held as scheduled. Mr. Daniel F. Carroll, chairman of the committee on insurance and prevention, said that a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Gilbert, Weld, and Robertson, had studied the question of fire prevention for several months and had submitted a plan to the municipal council. They in turn referred it to the committee of public property and the city solicitor. After a short time the sub-committee received a counter proposal from the municipal council which was not considered an improvement on the original draft.

Mr. Francis F. Gilbert reviewed the action of the sub-committee of the board of trade and the presentation of proposals which were not accepted. From these recommendations he read the sections which, if adopted, would do away with combustible shingles within the city limits.

Practical builders and business men, he said, had approved the provisions of the recommendations before the committee reported on them.

He read from the recommendations the main sections and then read from the proposals submitted to the board of trade by the municipal council. He said that many of the city's proposals are embodied in the board of trade suggestions. He said that the existing ordinances have been altered only a little in the new propositions of the council, and referred to paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 as an illustration. Mr. Gilbert read from the recommendations of the National Board of Fire Underwriters to show that the body is strongly opposed to the wooden shingle.

"You may think it a hardship," he said, "to demand fire-proof shingles, but after long investigation, I have found that the cost would not be much greater. We do not ask for fire-proof roofs outside of the fire limits but we do ask for fire resisting roofs. If you can save a roof for 15 minutes you may save the building."

He referred to the conflagration in Jacksonville, Fla., Bangor, Me.; Chelsea, Mass.; Hot Springs, Ark.; Paris, Tex.; Augusta, Ga. and others where the loss was well into the millions. In Jacksonville, he said, the fire started in the outskirts and was carried by the shingle roofs into the heart of the business district. In Fort Wayne, Tex., the fire had spread in 15 minutes over thousands of buildings. At Wallace, Idaho, the fire started in a forest fire and spread over the shingle roof area. In some cases lighted shingles carried by the wind, set on fire buildings a block ahead.

He read from a long list of cities that have adopted the shingle ordinance, including the following cities of Massachusetts: Cambridge, Chelsea, Lawrence, Fall River, Somerville and Salem. The following towns have also adopted it, he said: Arlington, Belmont, Lexington, North Andover, Stoneham, Woburn, Watertown, Nahant and others.

Mr. Gilbert in conclusion asked the council to reconsider its action and told in detail of the types of shingles that are available.

Mayor O'Donnell asked about the period allowed for elimination of wooden shingles, and Mr. Gilbert said that the committee had favored 15 years, but the

board of directors had it changed to read 10 years.

Mr. Gilbert then went into detail in his analysis of the board of trade recommendation, referring specifically to the portion governing repairs.

Mayor O'Donnell asked "what is the length of life of the shingled roof?" and Mr. Gilbert said that it depends largely on quality. Nowadays, he said, it might be safe to give 10 or 15 years as a good average.

Com. Morse told of his experience with shingles, and Com. Donnelly asked if the proposed changes would affect insurance rates. Mr. Carroll said that he is not in a position to state definitely, but that the matter is in the hands of another board of trade committee.

Chairman Carroll and Mr. Carroll both stated that there is a definite proposal of a reduction already on record, providing the fireproof shingle is adopted. The reduction would be from a rate of 20 to 18 cents.

Com. Putnam asked Com. Donnelly what he thinks of the ordinance as proposed by the committee and he answered that he thinks of it more favorably than at the last hearing.

The mayor said that if the city solicitor reports favorably on the proposed ordinance he will vote for its adoption, and Com. Putnam said that he thinks all members of the municipal council are in favor of it.

City Solicitor Varnum expressed his doubt as to the legality of extending the ordinance to the city limits in the country districts, and he said that it would be safer in a legal sense to restrict the ordinance to the fire district or else extend the fire district to meet the principle of the ordinance.

Mr. Carroll said that there is already a state law which would give the city the right to banish the wooden shingle. Mayor O'Donnell moved that the ordinance of the board of trade committee be referred to the city solicitor and it was so carried.

Com. Donnelly asked for the approval of the council for an agreement with Architects Davis and Stickney relative to changes to the new Bartlett school.

Mayor O'Donnell said that under the law a contract cannot be entered into until the appropriations have been made and Com. Donnelly was asked to consult with Messrs. Davis and Stickney before the council takes action.

Com. Putnam again brought up the matter of purchasing a chassis for \$3500, and it was laid over until tomorrow's meeting.

#### Order of Seizure

Mr. Morse moved an order for the appropriation of \$20,000 for the seizing of land for park purposes on the southerly side of Varnum avenue above Pawtucket bridge, and it was carried unanimously.

Com. Donnelly introduced an order for the appropriation of \$7000 for the purchase of the Chambers street playground by the city. He read a letter from the park commission approving of the purchase, providing that it could be made at a reasonable figure. He also read a letter from Mr. Merrill, representing Mrs. Merrill, the owner of the land, offering it to the city for \$6075.55. The order was passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned until 11 o'clock tomorrow.

## COAL IN SCHOOL BASEMENT ON FIRE

A fire started in a pile of about 50 tons of bituminous coal in the basement of the Greenbake grammar school in Emmet street late yesterday afternoon



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Scarf Pins, Rings, Full Dress Sets, Cigarette Cases, Cuff Links, Smokers' Accessories, Gold and Silver Belt Buckles, Chains, Charms, Lodge Emblems, Gold Pencils, Knives, Fobs, Shaving Sets, etc.

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## CITY OF EVANSVILLE FIGHTING THE H. C. OF L.

Mayor Benjamin F. Bosse of Evansville, Ind., is not waiting for congressional investigations to reduce the high cost of living. He expects to do it himself by putting the municipality into the produce business.

Bosse was in Chicago recently con-



MAYOR B. F. BOSSE

tracting with wholesalers for carload lots of potatoes and other food products to sell to the public direct from the grower, thus eliminating the middleman's profit.

By this means he hopes to educate the Evansville retail dealers in food stuffs to a new system of doing business that will save money for both the public and themselves. He has let the public to the idea of doing the buying of foodstuffs on a cash basis and carrying the goods home.

The foodstuffs that Mayor Bosse buys will be sold to Evansville consumers at cost plus the freight charge. The cost of handling them in Evansville will be negligible. Mayor Bosse says, since there will be no delivery except of large purchases. A small additional charge will be made to purchasers who require delivery. Mayor Bosse hopes to educate the public to the idea of doing the buying of foodstuffs on a cash basis and carrying the goods home.

And all last night a dozen men including janitors and members of the local fire department were kept busy shoveling the coal from the basement into the school yard.

Inasmuch as the basement is a very deep one it was necessary to construct two platforms, the shovellers passing the coal from the basement to the first platform while another crew shoveled

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Fine White Tissue Paper, quire	14c
Xmas Cards, Seals and Tags, packages	10c
Passé Partout Binding, Red, Green, Gold, rolls	10c, 15c

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from the first to the second and the third crew passed the coal from the second platform to the yard.

The presence of a fire was not discovered until late yesterday afternoon when an excessive heat from the basement caused those present to believe that there was a fire in the coal. Presumably the fire was caused by spontaneous combustion and had probably been burning for some time.

Several city carpenters were summoned and in a very short time they had rigged up two stairings and the work of shoveling started.

Besides the janitors who were working as coal passers were members of Hose 12 and Truck 4 who kept at the

job until about four o'clock this morning when they were relieved by firemen from the protective, Hose 8 and Engine 5.

During the night Dr. John B. Lambert, chairman of the school board; William F. Thornton, chief attendance officer and Henry L. Williams, attendance officer and agent of school supplies, were present.

**IN BOSTON**  
The Sun is on sale every day at both news stands of the Union station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

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# MELLEN SAYS B. & M. HAD ENOUGH CREDIT TO PAY OBLIGATIONS AUG. 22

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—The Boston & Maine railroad, in the opinion of its former president, Charles S. Mellen, was in command of sufficient credit to pay its obligations on Aug. 22 last when the directors consented to receivership proceedings.

Mr. Mellen so testified today at the hearing here to decide whether the stockholders for management, or continuing in receivership under direction of the federal court.

Mr. Mellen expressed himself as sanguine for the future of the property, and believe the Boston & Maine capable of maintaining through thick and thin, dividends of 5 per cent on its common stock," he said. "This stock out to be, and I believe it will be worth \$125 a share." Quotations on the local exchange today were at \$44.

It was unnecessary in the opinion of the witness "to resort to the methods that have been adopted to maintain the credit of the company or to protect it."

Mr. Mellen said he thought it was not necessary, but was desirable to coordinate the property as a condition precedent to any permanent rehabilitation of its credit.

As an objection to the last plan proposed by the directors he suggested that it would put the road in the hands of the preferred stockholders which are failed with the leased line interests.

Under cross-examination by George L. Mayberry, counsel for the Boston & Maine, the witness said the leased line system must be changed, or the road would be "on its knees" whenever it struck hard times.

Again under direct examination, Mr. Mellen stated his belief that the Boston & Maine could continue without change today were at \$44.

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cated in a week or ten days. He had no doubt it could borrow enough money to meet current obligations. This could not be done over night, he thought, but could be done within the time he stated.

The capitalization of the Boston & Maine, the witness asserted, is less than the money put into it, and still less than its actual value.

An annual \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000 would be required indefinitely in his opinion to keep the road in proper condition.

Asked by counsel of the road for his views regarding a plan for successful reorganization, Mr. Mellen replied that "men who reorganize railroads usually get a pretty good fee, and I must say here I have not been retained."

This completed Mr. Mellen's testimony.

## 14 BURNED AND SCALDED BY EXPLOSION

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Fourteen employees at the Lincoln wharf power station of the Boston Elevated Railway Co. were burned and scalded, one seriously by escaping steam from a 4500-horsepower generator when a cylinder head blew out today. The explosion was near the police station under which a dynamite bomb was exploded Sunday and neighbors at first thought there had been another bomb outrage.

## SEEKS FACTS ON SINKING OF PALERMO

ROME, Dec. 18, via Paris.—The American ambassador, Thomas N. Page, is gathering evidence from the twenty-five American hostlers on board the Italian steamship Palermo which recently was torpedoed and sank off the Spanish coast. This evidence tends to show that the steamship was sunk without warning and without having attempted to escape.

## 22 RACING HORSES SOLD FOR \$11,605

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Returns today from the first day's auction sale of trotters and pacers at the Union Stock yards show 22 horses brought a total of \$11,605 or an average of \$527 each.

The Lark, a 3-year-old, owned by J. C. Lark, was purchased by C. K. G. Billings of New York for \$1500, the highest price of the day.

The sale will continue for five days and consignments of horses from various parts of the country are to be offered.

## CAPT. KOENIG OF DEUTSCHLAND EXONERATED

NEW LONDON, Conn., Dec. 19.—A mistaken bell signal given by Captain John H. Gurney of the tug T. A. Scott Jr., when that vessel and the German submarine Deutschland were drawing close together in the swirling waters off Race Point, in Long Island sound, was responsible for the collision between the two vessels on Nov. 11, which resulted in the loss of the tug and its crew, according to the finding of the federal steamship inspector, made public today.

Captain Paul Koenig of the Deutschland is exonerated from blame.



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## EX-CONG. JOHN R. THAYER DIED TODAY

WORCESTER, Dec. 19.—Ex-Congressman John R. Thayer died today from a general breakdown. He was 71 years old and for fifty years had been prominent in democratic politics in Massachusetts, serving terms in the state house of representatives and senate.

He was elected to congress from a strong republican district, the third Massachusetts, in 1898 and served three terms. He was a graduate of Yale in 1880. He was associated in law practice with Chief Justice Arthur P. Rugg, of the Massachusetts supreme court under the name of Thayer & Rugg until the latter was appointed to the bench.

## HEAVY LOADS STALLED ON CROSSINGS

The pulling on corners was very hard on horses in the centre of the city today. A two-horse eld loaded with coal and owned by the Horne Coal Co. got stuck at the corner of Merrimack and Prescott streets this morning. One of the horses fell down and cut its leg, but was not badly injured.

A team also belonging to the Horne Coal Co. became stalled on the tracks near Towler's corner about 8 o'clock this morning just as the day shift of policemen was going out. About 10 of the bluecoats put their shoulders to the sled and it was sent on its way again.

**AMERICAN MINISTER RETIRES**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Thaddeus A. Thompson, retiring American minister to Colombia, today closed up his business with the state department and left for his home in Texas.

Mr. Thompson's resignation was offered several months ago on account of his wife's precarious health.

**CHIEF ENGINEER CALVERT DEAD**  
LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 19.—T. E. Calvert, chief engineer of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad system, died at his country home near here today.

**PROBATE COURT SESSIONS**  
Two probate court sessions were held in this city this morning. Justice Lawton presided over the session for uncontested cases, while Justice McIntire occupied the bench at the session for contested cases.

The case of Ada Felling vs. her husband, Lunden Felling, a petition to establish the fact that the wife is living apart from her husband in justifiable cause and that she can and will support herself and her children, was argued by Francis W. Quinn, while Mr. Felling's interests were looked after by William H. Wilson. Mrs. Felling testified that she was married to Mr. Felling in this city Jan. 12, 1915, and she lived with him until Oct. 2, 1915. She said Mr. Felling is superintendent for the Welsbach Lighting Co. receiving a salary of \$1200 a year. She said on Oct. 4 she went to Mr. Wilson's office and there was asked to sign an agreement of separation by which she agreed to accept \$300 from her husband and their look after her own support. She said she refused to sign the agreement at first, but later changed her mind and received the money. She in-

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# Wednesday Steak Day

## SAUNDERS' MARKET

Visit our store tomorrow, look over the big window display of steaks, note the heavy grade of beef cut from Corn-Fed Western Steers. Then compare our prices with the figures you are forced to pay elsewhere, and the result will prove that Saunders' Market can sell meats from 5 to 7 cents per pound less than any other store in Lowell.

No telephone orders taken, and no Steaks delivered at the price given in this advertisement.

<b>Rump Steak</b>	FANCY LONG CUTS..... 22c
<b>Sirloin Steak</b>	VERY BEST LONG CUTS, No High-er Price, Lb..... 25c
<b>ROUND STEAK</b>	SHORT CUTS RUMP, Lb..... 30c
<b>VEIN STEAK</b>	CHOICE CUTS, FANCY GRADE, Lb..... 16c
	VERY BEST CUTS. No Higher Price, Lb..... 23c
	20c CUTS BOTTOM ROUND, Lb..... 15c
	ROUND CUT THROUGH, Lb..... 17c
	28c CUT TOP ROUND, Lb..... 23c
	<b>JUST A MOMENT</b> Where can you match this price in Lowell? Lb..... <b>20c</b>
VEAL STEAK, lb..... 17c	HAMBURG, lb..... 10c
PORK STEAK, lb..... 15c	
<b>BUTTER</b> Pound 37c	<b>Musketeer Flour</b> 24 1/2 lb. bag..... \$1.15 98 lb. Cotton..... \$4.38 Bbl. in wood..... \$9.00
<b>EGGS</b> Doz. 34c	
PINK SALMON, Can..... 10	STRING BEANS, Can..... 7c
SUGAR CORN, Can..... 10c	

formed the court she has not received any support from her husband since that time. The case was taken under advisement.

**Wills and Administrations**  
The following wills were allowed at the session for uncontested cases: Margaret Keyes, Lowell; Annie Doyle, Lowell; John Keating, Lowell; James Nelson, Lowell; and Mary P. Provost, Lowell.

The administrations granted were as follows: William H. Blown, Lowell; and Wilfrid Grenier, Lowell.

## DEATHS

**HARRIS**—Viola, aged 2 years and 6 months, died last evening at the home of the parents, Mack and Helen Harris, 161 Ludlum street. Burial took place this morning in St. Joseph's cemetery under the direction of Undertakers Joseph Albert & Son.

**BEAUREGARD**—Ernest, aged one month and nineteen days, died today at the home of the parents, Ludger and Esther Beaugard, 718 Lakeview avenue.

**HOOPER**—George L. Hooper, a well known real estate man, died this morning at his home, 7 Belmont st. Funeral notice later.

**GOODWIN**—William J. Goodwin, aged 37 years, died this morning at his home, 105 School street. He leaves a wife, Alice A., his mother, Mrs. John Arbo, two sisters, Mrs. Olin Symonds and Miss Katherine Goodwin. Funeral notice later.

**AUSTIN**—Mrs. Nellie L. Austin died this morning at 468 Bridge street, aged 68 years and four months. The body was taken to the chapel of C. H. Molloy Sons in Market street. Deceased is survived by one son, Fred, of Lowell, and two brothers, Lorenzo Frost of Haverhill and Charles E. Frost of Sidney, Maine. She was a member of the B. P. Butler Relief corps.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We, the undersigned, wish to thank all our friends and neighbors for the kindness shown to us during the long illness and death of our dear husband and father, also for the floral and spiritual bouquets, especially the Lowell department.

Mrs. Erastus Lepene and family.

## FUNERALS

**ROY**—The funeral of Charles Roy took place this morning from the home of his father-in-law, Eugene Lajoche, 165 Ludlum street. The service of requiem was celebrated at St. Louis church at 9 o'clock by Rev. J. B. Labesiere. The bearers were Frank Richard, J. Dupont, Louis Richard, Edmond, Ludger Bernier and Alfred A. Roy. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery where the committal prayer was read by Rev. Fr. Labesiere. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertakers Amedee Archambault & Son.

**SLIGHT BLAZE EXTINGUISHED**  
Engine 3 of the central fire station in Palmer street responded to a telephone alarm for a slight blaze in a closet on the top floor of the Assenato building at 418 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The fire started in some rags and other material which was stored in the place but was extinguished before any serious damage was done.

**A LIVE DISPLAY**  
They're all live ones—those turkey gobblers which have gobbled their way from the distant hills of Vermont—New England's Turkey Land—Saunders' Market, where in one of the windows of that market they strut and bow to the admiring mouths of water-throngs of purchasers-to-be of their ill-fated brethren who have already been immolated upon the altar of Yuletide. These live birds in the window are but specimens of the hundreds of others which are inside the market and are daily being ordered to grace the grooming festive board of many a family on Christmas day.

**BILLERICA NEWS**  
Herbert King Will Not Be Candidate Again For Town Clerk and Treasurer

Herbert King, for more than 25 years town clerk and treasurer of Billerica, stated last evening before the selectmen and auditors of that town that he would not be a candidate for any office at the next election. This came like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky as Mr. King has been prominent in politics all these years and never said anything to indicate that he would drop out until last evening. His

only reason for the statement is that he believes that 21 years is sufficient for a man to hold an office.

During the past few years Mr. King has been opposed for election by some of the younger residents of the town but always won both offices by a wide margin. It is safe to assume that there will be more than one candidate for each office at the 1917 election.

## FELLS TOOK GUN

Continued

turning from work a few hours before he was arrested last night. After hearing the story connected with the case, Judge Knight committed the man to jail for three months.

Martin Ropa, who resides at 326 Fletcher street, said that Nowak has boarded with him for some time. A short time ago the defendant displayed a revolver and as Ropa did not have a liking for such weapons in the possession of his boarder, he ordered Nowak to find a new place to hang his hat. All went along quietly until last night when the young man flashed the revolver in Ropa's face, stating that he would shoot him and his family. The witness' daughter, Catherine, corroborated this testimony.

A struggle followed which attracted James Fells from his home on the next night. Mr. Fells ran down stairs but decided that he would not mix up in any family difficulties and stood outside the door until he heard the crash of a falling lamp. Then the door opened and the two men were grappling with each other. Fells separated them but after doing so he saw Nowak reaching for the gun in his pocket. Fells jumped on the man and took the weapon from him before any damage was done.

Defendant, who at first denied the story, had no explanation after listening to the three witnesses presented by Deputy Downey. "Men who carry revolvers in this community must reap the benefit of the law," remarked the court in imposing the sentence.

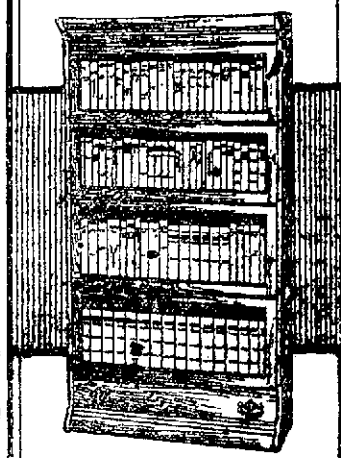
**Another Bad Man**  
Charles Tessier is alleged to have used a dangerous method but one almost as dangerous. Charles pleaded guilty to drunkenness and admitted being out on bail on a similar charge now pending in the superior court. Patrolman Lemay told the court that he was called to Tessier's house last evening where the defendant was claimed to be holding up his family with a bread knife. Tessier did not remember anything about this. He was held in \$300 until Thursday.

Sarkis Rossum and Julia Golding, the latter a married woman, were accused of a statutory offence. They were arrested early Sunday morning in a room at the corner of Lawrence and Tyler streets. They pleaded not guilty but after hearing the testimony of Special Officer Moore and Patrolman Considine the court found both guilty. The man was ordered to pay a fine of \$50. The woman, who has a small child which she supports, was given a suspended sentence to the reformatory at Sherborn.

**Larceny of Newspapers**  
The larceny of newspapers from stands in front of small stores is becoming quite a nuisance, according to Sergt. Bicklow, who is on street duty early morning. As a result he is keeping a close watch on certain spots and early this morning arrested James A. Grim, who pleaded guilty to a complaint of larceny of a paper from Louis Zaker. Grim was not ready for trial and the case was continued until tomorrow.

Joseph Thayer of Church street was charged with assault and battery on Mabel Bartlett, an eight year old

## A Christmas Gift Within Your Reach



A Gun Sectional Bookcase can be started with one section and added to as required. Four sections make a complete bookcase. Then you can buy one Desk Section and you have a Bookcase and Desk combined. You want the best, and the best are the Gun Sectional Bookcases.

Come in and let us show you why they excel.

**COOKIN  
FURNITURE CO.**  
PRESCOTT ST.

REPTILES GIRL, wanted at once. 98 Middlesex st.

# It is Christmas

—AT—  
**MILLARD F. WOOD'S THE JEWELER 104 Mer'k St.**

You all know what our stock consists of—all of the very best—with the following salespeople to attend to your wants. Call the one you wish to serve you by the number.

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|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2—MISS EDNA LIVINGSTON   | 16—TEDDY STAPLETON           |
| 4—MISS MARION DOUGHERTY  | 17—MRS. WILLIAM ROBBINS      |
| 5—MISS NODIE DONOHUE     | 18—MISS MARGARET McCANN      |
| 6—MR. PHILIP McKENNA     | 19—MR. ALFRED FLETCHER       |
| 7—MISS GRACE PERLEY      | 20—MR. JOSEPH JASPER         |
| 9—MR. THOMAS F. QUEALLY  | 21—MISS E. B. COURNOYER      |
| 10—MR. JOHN F. STAPLETON | 22—MISS MARGUERITE DOUGHERTY |
| 11—MISS GRACE E. CHAPIN  | 24—MISS RUTH GEGENHEIMER     |
| 12—MR. ARTHUR P. HAYDEN  | 25—MR. H. W. HALL            |
| 14—MR. H. W. DEXTER      | 26—MISS STELLA CARKIN        |
| 15—MISS MADELINE DORAN   | 27—MISS EVA HARRIMAN         |
|                          | 28—MISS ANNIE McCARTIN       |



**CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS**  
Remember that Ricard's stores are headquarters for Xmas Gifts of CUT GLASS, STATUARY, RELIGIOUS GOODS, PENDANTS, RINGS, CLOCKS, WATCHES, TOILET, MANICURE, SHAVING and SMOKING SETS, etc., etc.

**Ricard's Gift Shops**  
123 Central St. 636 Merrimack St.



## AN INTERESTING LETTER FROM CANAL ZONE

Miss Regina M. Berger, daughter of Mrs. Addie Dunham of 220 Merrimack street who is now in the service of Uncle Sam in the Panama canal zone as a nurse, has written an interesting letter to The Sun. The young woman is a graduate of the State infirmary in Tewksbury, took a civil service examination in the early part of the year and few months ago she received an appointment to the canal zone. She is now performing the duties of a nurse at the Corozal hospital, Corozal, Canal Zone.

She came to Lowell next June, at which time she will be given her annual vacation. Miss Berger in her letter states the climate in the Canal Zone is ideal. It is hot in the middle of the day, but cool after 4 p. m. "The evenings," she says, "are cool, beautifully cool, like an evening in early June in New England. Heat prostrations are unknown. Health conditions among the white people are very good. The prevailing diseases are malaria and typhoid. We haven't had a yellow fever case since construction days, the last being in 1912, and this was shortly after the arrival of a So. American ship. We have now two cases of small pox at Ancon hospital, the patients being a man who recently came from So. America, and a child in the family with which he is living. As a result of the two cases all hospital employees including members of the medical and nursing staffs had to be vaccinated, while all the patients of the institution were also given the antitoxin.

"People living in the Canal Zone are mostly white. Corozal is an army post and there are very few civilians. There is a number of colored people employed here and that is why it is called the Black and White zone. In Panama we have the Panamanians or 'Spigs' or 'Spigotes' as they are called. They are of Spanish descent, but not real Spaniards, for the Spaniards of long ago and the colored people have intermarried a great deal and this is why we find very few white Panamanians. It would be hard to tell

what the occupation of these people is as they don't seem to have anything particular to do.

"In Corozal there are numerous small stores, where one can buy laces, hats, dress goods, jewelry, shoes and other things. There are also curiosity shops, postal card stands, restaurants and saloons. In the latter places one can buy anything from liquor to a pair of shoes. The white people trade at the commissaries and the Chinese and Japanese shops, where they can purchase almost anything to be found in a large department store.

"The languages spoken here, are English, Spanish and a little French, the latter being spoken by former residents of the Isle of Martinique.

"We are now in the latter part of the rainy season and I am not sorry it is over, for it rains every day and sometimes from morning till night. It is informed that the rainy season will be over by Jan. 1, and then we will have five months with very little rain. I have taken several snap shots in this district but I find it very hard to have the films developed. I suppose the Lowell people are getting ready for Christmas and I am accompanying her letter which by the way, was sent Dec. 17, and which reached here yesterday. Several copies of the 'Star and Herald,' a daily newspaper published at Panama, R. P., and which contains an editorial on 'Billy' Sunday, as well as Briggs' sketches on Kelley Pool.

### MARRIAGE INTENTIONS

The following marriage intentions have been filed at the city clerk's office since the last were published:

Mohammed Eldeh, 4 Bay State court, 23, operative; Sybilie Anton, 7 Bay State court, 21, operative.

Artemas B. Woodworth, Jr., 29 Belmont, 50, manufacturer; Isabella A. Ward, Peabody, 40, at home.

Lucien Bourassa, 43 Beaver, 21, machinist; Georgianna Pitts, 115 Dalton, 18, inspector.

Arthur Marconello, 7 Salem, 22, boxer; Alma Roy, 5 Salem, 21, hostess.

William Bacon, 191 Cabot, 42, team-

## FELT LIKE A NEW PERSON

After Taking Only One Box Of 'Fruit-a-lives'

"It is with great pleasure that I write to tell you of the wonderful benefits I have received from taking 'Fruit-a-lives'. For years, I was a dreadful sufferer from Constipation and Headaches, and I was miserable in every way. Nothing in the way of medicines seemed to help me. Then I finally tried 'Fruit-a-lives' and the effect was splendid. After taking one box, I feel like a new person, to have relief from those sickening Headaches."

Mrs. MARTHA DEWOLFE.  
50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At all dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-lives Limited, Ogdensburg, N.Y.

ster; Josephine Derval (widowed), 191 Cabot, 45, weaver.

Marinel F. Gomes, 283 Middlesex, 21, operative; Marie de Souza Philippe, 283 Middlesex, 17, operative.

Danasse Pelletier (widowed), 28 Warren, 47, carpenter; Olivia Demarteau, 102 Congress, 42, at home.

George Albin Bellefeuille, 104 Congress, 21, shoe worker; Eugene Doucettes, 14 Watson ave., 25, foreman.

Alfred L. Paquin, 547, Moody, 26, stationary engineer; Bertha Leclair, 30 Ford, 21, operative.

Francois X. Allard, 15 Dutton, 19, laborer; Josephine Landry, 684 Merrimack, 17, operative.

Ernest L. Whitlock (widowed), 31 Elliott, 41, operative; Florence Quinn (widowed), 23 Dutton, 42, housework.

Bertram H. Roberts, 25 Ash, 23, engineer; Dorothy R. Noyes, 284 Worthen, 18, hostess.

Jack Bernstein, 85 Railroad, 23, shoemaker; Annie Zapolsky, 121 Myrtle, 22, operative.

Ernest Turner, 32 Concord, 24, clerk; Anna McQuade (widowed), 63 French, 28, waitress.

Harvey Marchand, Chelmsford, 20, machinist; Victoria Lamoureux, 264 W. Sixth, 20, hostess.

Archille Hamel, 16 Cabot, 25, operative; Marie A. Gauthier, 235 Ludlam, 25, operative.

Elphège Chicoine, 812 Merrimack, 15, carpenter; Alice Decosse, 150 Coburn, 21, operative.

John Stedler, Chelsea, 28, expressman; Yetta Cohen, 192 Chelmsford, 20, seamstress.

Duncan N. Bethune (widowed), 179 Middlesex, 41, operative; Julia Post (widowed), same address, 44, operative.

Arthur B. Field, 92 Shaw, 25, clerk; Bertin L. Rouch, 68 Powell, 18, clerk.

Ernest Nelson, 470 Rogers, 35, designer; Mary Johnston, 49 Beech, 26, bookkeeper.

Israel Faubert, Salem, 23, machinist; Marie Emma St. Ives, 545 Middlesex, 21, cotton mill.

John Harron, 10 Exchange place, 22, brakeman; Mary Burkhart, 365 Lincoln, 16, shoe shop.

Andreas Lampropoulos, 340 Market, 23, operative; Zaffiro Elia Kouggia, 85 Dummer, 25, operative.

Robert Myron, 32 Pine Hill, 31, cook; Mary E. Keefe, 270 Thorndike, 23, warner.

Amable Duval, 544 Moody, 26, machinist; Marie Eliza Haron, 34 Gardner avenue, 24, winer.

Jeremiah P. McMahon, 2 rear 19 So.

Whipple, 22, gasfitter; Annie Queenan, 120 Fayette, 23, hostess.

Andrew E. Hamilton, 139 Salem, 23, U. S. Cartridge Co. Isabella Wright, Chelmsford, 23, U. S. Cartridge Co.

Ovide J. Houle, 155 Salem, 18, teamster; Delia Lemelin, 15 Ford, 17, hostess.

John J. Hickory, 251 Broadway, 23, horseshoer; Rose Mulholland, 396 Broadway, 24, operative.

Louis D. St. Louis, 182 Perkins, 22, bookbinder; Mary Tangay, 130 Alken, 22, hostess.

Joao Afonso Pires, 280 Middlesex, 24, operative; Virginia da Encarnacao Soares, 2 Middlesex, 22, operative.

Otis J. Harlow, 26 Prescott, 27, conductor; Evelyn Hamm, 267 Appleton, 21, at home.

Henri Lamentagne, 55 West Fourth, 24, auto repairer; Agnes Hanley, 55 West, 25, shoemaker.

Joao Fernandes, 109 Prince, 22, operative; Justina G. Teixeira, 55 Prince, 20, operative.

Mmanuel Silva, 5 Molloy's court, 24, Saunders' market; Maria S. Silva, 25 Lincoln, 19, operative.

Athenas Politis, 3 Little, 27, operative; Theodora Elia Kresari, 119 Dunmer, 17, operative.

George A. Barnard, 2 Maple place, 32, clerk; Harriet R. Macomber (divorced), 187 Mammoth road, 38, at home.

Carlo Bertogli, 22 Queen, 24, laborer; Palmyre Moreau, 8 Smith, 25, weaver.

John J. Boyle, 12 Daly, 19, laborer; Mildred E. Sanville, same address, 16, operative.

Mark E. Gleason, 5 Ellis court, 27, trainman; Mary A. Purcell, 262 School, 24, at home.

Are J. Sharp, Chelmsford, 24, automobile; Anna Wilson, 4 Whipple, 22, at home.

Albert Etchelle, 42 Bishop, 30, iron moulder; Mary A. McNally (divorced), same address, 30, woolen spinner.

Patrick Keane, 135 Cross, 20, baker; Mary Fleming, 133 Cross, 19, at home.

## FIFTY SALOONS CLOSED IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 19.—The 114 saloons in Portland at 10 o'clock last night, and today the city is dry as the sands of Sahara.

The announcement came like a thunderclap.

Fifty bars have been open all this year, in addition to the many clandestine places which always spring up like mushrooms in an open season.

Strangely enough, both the police and special officer department deny all knowledge of the sudden closing. There was no lack of it given out to the general public, and, as usual, the bars were lined with thirsty patrons up to the usual closing time of 10, when the bartenders bid their customers "Good-by," and said, "It's no use to come back tomorrow, boys; everything's off."

It was supposed that everything would be wide open until Jan. 1, when Sheriff-elect King F. Brown, acknowledged rainmaker, takes the reins of office. It was surmised last night that the liquor dealers, on account of recent losses, had met and decided to close of their own volition.

It is the biggest surprise of the kind dealt out in years and the spreading like wildfire caused a big sensation than if the city had been attacked by a hostile fleet.

## MRS. CARPENTER GETS CUSTODY OF HER SON

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Little Ralph Carpenter, Jr., innocent figure in the domestic difficulties of Major Ralph G. Carpenter of Woburn, N. H., and his wife, will spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Margaret Paul Carpenter of Boston. Judge Kivel of the New Hampshire superior court yesterday decreed that the mother shall have temporary custody of the boy until Jan. 23.

The son, now nearly 10 years old, has been living in his paternal grandparents' home at Woburn since September, 1915, when, his mother claims, he was kidnapped from her by his father at Magnolia. Mrs. Carpenter comes with his mother, Mrs. Margaret Paul Carpenter of Boston. Judge Kivel of the New Hampshire superior court yesterday decreed that the mother shall have temporary custody of the boy until Jan. 23.

She cannot bring him to her home in Boston. Judge Kivel's decree imposes the condition that the mother shall make her home at the Eagle hotel, Concord, N. H., or at the Laconia Tavern, Laconia, N. H.

The boy is in her custody. He also specifies that the boy's father shall have the right to visit his son at any time. The major is ordered to pay the expenses of his wife and child while they are together.

NO BRITISH REPLY TO DUTCH NOTE ON MAILS

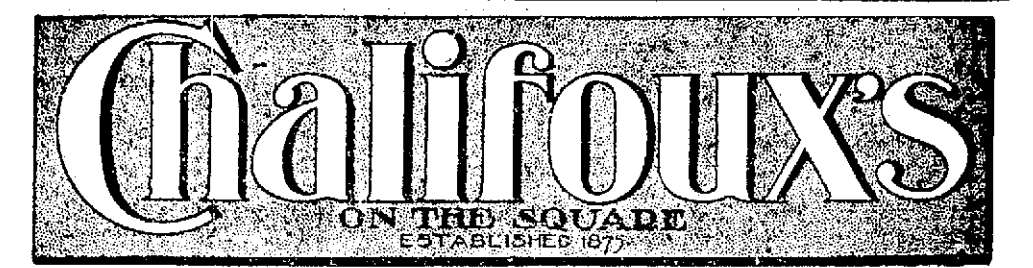
LONDON, Dec. 19.—A Reuter despatch from The Hague says that replying to committee report on estimates of foreign affairs in 1917, the Dutch minister said that the British government had not replied to the Dutch note of April 11, regarding the seizure of mails. He said that in reply to a Dutch protest in November, Great Britain had declared her readiness to come to an understanding similar to that reached with the United States by which universities and public bodies in overseas countries might obtain German scientific and technical publications, this arrangement including certain private persons.

Regarding the torpedoing of the Falmouth, the minister said he was unable to adduce facts to contradict the positive declaration of the German admiralty and that the German government was not ready to submit the case to an international committee. In response to the sinking of the Bloomsburg, questions were referred to an Orange book which will be published shortly.

The Dutch steamer Falmouth was lost in March, 1915, and was unofficially reported to have been torpedoed while lying alongside a British destroyer engaged in picking up mines. In reply to inquiries from the Dutch government, the German admiralty declared that no ship belonging to the German navy was near the spot when the Falmouth went down at the time. The Dutch Bloomsburg was one of the ships sunk off Nantucket in the raid on shipping on this side of the Atlantic by the U.S.S. The Bloomsburg carried grain consigned to the Dutch government as well as other cargo. In reply to a protest from The Hague, the German government offered to pay for the ship and grain, leaving the question of the responsibility of the cargo to a German prize court.

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Splendid assortment of Muffs and Scarfs in various furs—Priced

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\$7.50

Second Floor



French Coney and Opossum Muffs and Scarfs—Priced

\$4.98

Seal, Raccoon and French Coney Muffs and Scarfs—Priced

\$9.75

Fitch, Opossum, Fox and Other Fur Muffs and Scarfs—Priced

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Second Floor

## Xmas Neckwear



Made of fine lawn, Georgetown crepe, embroidered flannel, chiffon, in collars and collar and cuff sets—Priced from

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Street Floor

## KID GLOVES

Make Practical Xmas Gifts

We have a choice selection, embracing all styles, shades and prices, from

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Put up in Xmas boxes.



## WMAS HANDKERCHIEFS

Put up in fancy boxes make most acceptable gifts—Priced from

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Single Handkerchiefs, 5c to \$1.00



## WOMEN'S HOSIERY

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Silk Hosiery in all the latest novelties and colorings. Also a complete line of Lisle, Cashmere and Wool Hosiery for women, misses and children.

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## USEFUL GIFTS OF SILVERWARE

Are found on our street floor. Four-piece Silver Plate Tea Sets, \$4.49. 26-piece Chest of Community par plate, in mahogany or oak finish chest, \$7.50. And many other practical gifts.

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In Holly Boxes. Colored Wash Silk Camisoles, Crepe de Chine Camisoles, Night Robes, Corset Covers, Envelope Chemise, Petticoats, etc., rightly priced.

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Get your gift stationery on our street floor, where you will find the best makes of paper and envelopes in Xmas boxes, most reasonably priced.

## WAISTS FOR CHRISTMAS

In Crepe de Chine, Jap Silk, Lace, Colored, Striped, Georgette Crepe and fine Lawn Waists, priced from

98c UP

## ST. THERESE COUNCIL

At a recent meeting of St. Therese council, U.S.C.A., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Honorary president, Mrs. Josephine Leclerc; president, Miss Flore Deucette; vice president, Miss Clotilde Heroux; secretary, Mrs. Clara H. Ma-

rier; assistant, Miss Lena J. Roy; treasurer, Miss Lucina Carrel; collector, Miss Anna Carrier; mistress of ceremonies, Mrs. Anna St. Amant; conductors, Misses Rose Gaudette and Elise Gernan.

## TRAFFIC EFFICIENCY CLUB

An interesting meeting of the Traffic Efficiency club of Lowell was held last evening in the New American house, with C. B. Frost presiding. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Harry A. Tanner of the

Lamson Co.; vice president, Benjamin J. Bennett, Bay State Cotton Corp.; secretary, George F. Gallagher, B. & M. L.R.; treasurer, Marion S. Clark, B. & M. L.R. President-elect Tanner gave an interesting talk on matters discussed at two recent meetings of the Industrial Conference of New England, held in Boston.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY Mrs. Janet Jamieson entertained the members of the Missionary society of the First Presbyterian church at its monthly meeting yesterday. Miss Bessie Scott prepared a review of the missionary work in different lands. Mrs. Craig on China; Miss Lillian Tate on Japan; and Mrs. J. B. Caddell on Korea. Mrs. Minnie Tucker rendered a delightful solo.

WEAVERS' TROUBLES The weavers employed at the Bay State Cotton Corp. held a meeting last evening, during which a grievance with the employers was taken up. It was reported that those present were favorable to striking, providing the Lowell Textile council sanctions such a move. A committee was appointed to wait upon the management of the mill today.

PROHIBITION QUESTION WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Advocates of the Sheppard bill providing for prohibition in the District of Columbia were trying today to get a vote on the measure in the senate. Before the final vote, however, the Underwood amendment for a referendum of the residents of the district on the prohibition question was to be acted upon.

The senate judiciary committee will hold a special meeting Thursday to vote on reporting the joint resolution proposing a constitutional amendment for nation-wide prohibition.

Lowell, Tuesday, Dec. 19, 1916

## A. G. POLLARD CO.

LOWELL'S BIGGEST AND BEST CHRISTMAS STORE

WE believe that our best service should be yours whenever this store is open for business. Our salespeople can only give you prompt and efficient attention at this Christmas season if they enter upon their day's duties fresh and cheerful. Therefore this week our store will not open until 9 o'clock a. m. and will remain closed Tonight and Wednesday Night.

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3000 PIECES of Battenburg and Mexican drawn work—closed out from an importer who had withdrawn his foreign lines. Beautiful designs, splendid work and a saving of 1-2 to 1-3 of the prices today.

FOR 50c EACH—Centrepieces, 30 inches square and round, 52 and 54 inch scarfs; regular prices 75c and \$1.00.

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FOR \$1.50—Wonderful Table Covers, worth from \$3.00 to \$4.00, in broad selection of designs.

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200 OVERCOATS, Worth \$8.00, At.....\$5.00

150 OVERCOATS, Worth \$9.00, At.....\$6.50

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We want every young man and men to see these overcoats. Look at our display. All overcoats are made in the latest style. Every one a big bargain. If you do not get yours blame yourself. Now is your chance to save \$5.00 for your Xmas present. Come all to the house of value givers.

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## SWITZERLAND'S NEW PRESIDENT MAY FIGURE IN PEACE TALK



EDMUND SCHULTHESS.

FELIX CALONDER.

Should a peace conference be held in Switzerland, as has been suggested, the two men in the picture will play prominent roles. They are Edmund Schulthess, on the left, the new president of Switzerland, and Felix Calonder, on the right, the new vice president.

Mr. Schulthess has just affirmed the intention of his country to maintain strict neutrality.

"The policy of Switzerland," Mr. Schulthess asserts, "dictated by our traditions, our desires, even by our vital interests, is and will remain that of loyal and strict neutrality toward all the belligerents, a neutrality sustained by an inviolable resolution to defend our integrity and independence against all comers. Any assertion to the contrary is quite without foundation."

"The economic position of Switzerland is very complex. She is obliged, in order to exist and to maintain relations with both groups of belligerents. This is not done without misunderstanding, but I think I am not mistaken in saying that economic misunderstandings between Switzerland and France are on the point of completely disappearing."

lamps were ineffectual. All traffic was seriously impeded.

The local office of the weather bureau said the darkness was caused by a falling temperature. The fog, mingling with smoke from mills and factories, was held over the city, there being absolutely no wind.

### SUCCESS FOR BRITISH

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The British forces on the Tigris front have improved their positions in the last two days although no resumption of offensive operations on a considerable scale is indicated in today's official report on these operations. The gains made below Kut-el-Amara last week were achieved with comparatively small losses the statement says.

### RUSSIAN ATTACKS FAIL

BERLIN, Dec. 18, by wireless to Saville.—The Russians made an attack in Volhynia, in the region northwest of Lutsk, yesterday in an effort to recapture positions taken by the Germans. The war office announces that the attacks were without success.

### ON HUMANIAN FRONT

BERLIN, Dec. 18, by wireless to Saville.—No change in the situation on the Rumanian front is recorded in today's communication from army headquarters.

## A REAL PRESENT

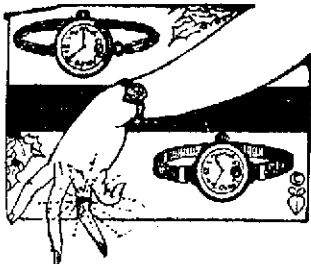


Twelve bladed Outfit, .....\$1.00  
Combination Ever-Ready Sets,  
\$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00  
Everything for the Shaver.

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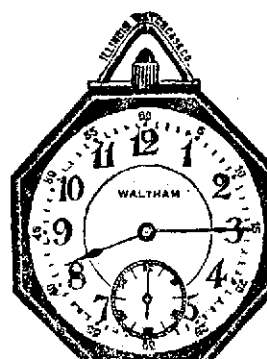
## A Happy Xmas Thought

Jewelry is always useful and pleases without fail. You will note that our prices are considerably lower than those of expensive street floor stores.



### BRACELET WATCHES

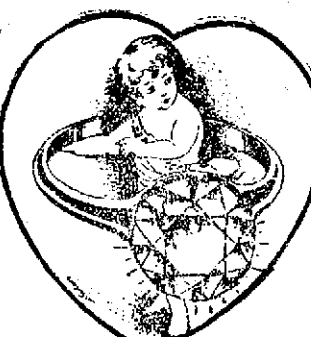
In all the best makes, all styles and sizes. Prices.....\$8.00 up



WALTHAM

### THE NEW OCTAGON WATCH

New, distinctive model. Gents' watches of all other makes. Prices from.....\$15.00 up



### FOR "HER" THIS XMAS

An Engagement Ring will please her most. We are showing a beautiful line which will delight both giver and recipient. All prices.



### LADIES' AND GENTS' RINGS

Every kind and style imaginable. Tiffany and Tiffany Belcher Settings. Diamond and semi-precious stones. From.....\$6.00 up

Our Prices on Diamonds are Positively the Lowest in the City  
SPECIAL—A large line of Baby Rings and Birthstone Rings.



### A LODGE EMBLEM

Makes an appropriate gift. Here you will find a full line of lodge and society emblems, buttons, rings, cuff buttons, charms, gold filled and solid gold, from \$1.00 up



A beautiful line of Pendants with diamonds and semi-precious stones, at all prices.

### GENTS' DIAMOND STICK PINS

\$5.00 to \$300  
Cuff Links, Waldemar Chains, etc., large assortment. Prices as low as .....\$1.00

### PARISIAN IVORY TOILET AND MANICURE SETS.....\$4.00 up

Hundreds of other appropriate useful gifts which we cannot mention here and which also need to be seen to be appreciated.

Those wishing may open a charge account on a convenient weekly payment basis.

## C.A. SENTER

The Reliable Upstairs Jeweler  
147 Central St.  
Room 211 Bradley Bldg.

"Up one easy flight to easy prices"  
Open Every Evening

## From Yesterday's Late Edition

## HAD NO MONEY BUT LOTS OF COURAGE

Two young men, residents of Burlington, Vt., who are real adventurers and who traveled through several states and who have crossed the ocean in a boat, landed in Lowell late last night, cold, penniless and without any place to sleep. Almost frozen, they wended their way to the police station and were accommodated with a bed consisting of a hard board bounded by three brick walls and an iron gate. They were brought before Judge Enright today as suspicious characters. They said that they left Burlington last May and after tiring of the scenery in this part of the country took a trip to France. "We are now going to try and beat it home," said one of the boys. "We haven't any money and don't know how far we can go but we'll make a start if given a chance." They were given the chance and quickly departed from the bastille.

### FUNERALS

LEPINE.—The funeral of Ernest Lepine, a call fireman, took place this morning from his home, 533 Ritz street. High mass of requiem was celebrated at St. Louis church at 9 o'clock by Rev. J. B. Labossiere. The bearers were: Albert G. Goss, Thomas Adams, Joseph D. Amour, James J. McCarthy, Thomas P. Conway and Capt. Jas. W. Jantzen. Among the floral offerings was a pillow inscribed "Husband," the wife's pillow inscribed "Father," children; standing cross, Truck Co. No. 4, and tributes from W. S. Dymond, Misses Crowley and James Noonan. Burial was in the St. Francis cemetery. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertakers Amedee Archambault & Son.

MCGRATH.—The funeral of the late Patrick McGrath took place this morning at 8.30 o'clock from his home, 88 Coburn street. The cortege proceeded to St. Michael's church where at 9 o'clock a high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Francis J. Mullin. There were many beautiful floral offerings. Among them were a pillow inscribed "Father" from the family; standing cross, from the family; White family, and pieces from board of assessors, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Hogan, William J. Beardon, James H. Gilbride, Mr. Lawrence Cummings and family, Misses Mackin, Miss Maud McArthur, William J. Collins, Major Robert J. Crowley, Postmaster and Mrs. John E. Meahan, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Verrikan, Mrs. Joseph and Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Farrell, Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Wilson, Mrs. Minnie and Mrs. Frank T. Morrissey, Minnie Freeman, Katie Miskella, James A. Kenney, Mrs. Nellie P. Halloran, Mabel M. Tancay, Hector Labossiere, Mrs. John J. McGee, the Small family, Mrs. Sarah J. McDermott, Catherine McKenzie, Bridget Salmon. The ushers at the house and Henry Gilbride, Mr. John Salmon and Mr. Henry Gilbride. Burial was in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery where Rev. Fr. Mullin read the committal service at the grave. Funeral Director James W. McKenna was in charge.

MORRIS.—The funeral of Mr. John Morris took place this morning at 8.30 o'clock from his late home, 35 Whipple street. A high mass of requiem was celebrated at St. Peter's church at 9 o'clock, by Rev. W. George Mullin. There were numerous floral offerings and a large pillow inscribed "Local 104, M.P.O.E.N.A." from the Metal Polishers' union, wreath, Mr. Elias Hannon, wreath, Sun compass, posing room employees and spiritual tributes from Miss Hannah Morris, the girls of the cloth room, U. S. Bunting Co. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Burkin, Mrs. Thomas Burns, Mr. John Morris, the Misses Martin, Miss Agnes Keville, Miss Frances A. Murphy, Miss Alice and Josephine Hayes, Miss Margaret and Mary McManus, Miss Mary Burns, Miss Alice Kane, Mrs. Daniel F. Murphy, Miss Nellie Keville, Mrs. Mary E. Keville, Mrs. Josephine Shine, Nellie Dawson, Mrs. Catherine McGrath, Mary E. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Reidy, Mary E. Durkin, Mary McManus, Edith McManus, Fannie Tighe, Minnie Bushnell, Mr. and Mrs. James Durkin, Miss Madeleine R. Lannan, Mr. and Mrs. James Hill, Miss Nellie Ryder, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Donnelly, John Morris, Mrs. Myles Burns, Mary E. Morris. The bearers were: Michael Morris, Lawrence Kane, Daniel Donnelly, Elmer Hannon, Thomas Durkin, Fr. and James Hill. Burial was in the family lot in St. Patrick's cemetery, where the final prayers were read by Rev. Fr. Mullin. Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons in charge.

FITZPATRICK.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Susan M. Fitzpatrick took place this morning at 9.30 o'clock from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Arthur M. Murphy, 1221 Middlesex street, and was largely attended. The cortege proceeded to St. Patrick's church where at 10 o'clock a solemn high mass of requiem was sung by Rev. Timothy Walsh, assisted by Rev. Joseph Curtin as deacon and Rev. James Corrigan as sub-deacon. The floral tributes were beautiful and profuse. The bearers were: Michael Monahan, Maurice Lyons, Thomas and James Doris. At the grave Rev. Fr. Callahan read the committal prayers and the burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Undertakers James F. O'Donnell & Sons.

### CARD OF THANKS

We the undersigned, wish to thank all our friends and neighbors for the kindness shown to us during the long illness and death of our dear wife and mother, also for the floral and spiritual offerings, especially the Hamilton Manufacturing Co., and the girls of the eighth grade of the Immaculate Conception school.

Mr. Patrick Corry and family.

### DIED SUDDENLY

Charles Roy Dropped Dead at the Home of His Father-in-Law in Ludlum Street

Charles Roy, a well known resident of this city, died suddenly Saturday evening at the home of his father-in-law, Eugene Larchelle, 165 Ludlum street, death being due to natural causes. Mr. Roy worked all day Saturday and seemed in the best of health. In the evening he went to his father-in-law's home and while entering the house he

## THE SUN

IS ON SALE  
AT THE  
NORTH STATION  
BOSTON

LOCAL NEWS  
In the list of floral offerings at the funeral of Edward A. Kelcher, which took place Saturday, the following names were inadvertently omitted: Right shift of the U. S. Cutbridge Co., class 12, St. Patrick's academy and William P. McCarthy.

DRUGGIST SCHOOL TEACHERS  
As a result of a protest entered by a prominent resident of Lowell, the school board at a recent meeting decid-

## Before Placing Your Order

— FOR —

## Xmas Turkey

See Our Big Ad. Thursday  
Next. Quality, the Best—Prices  
the Lowest.

STORE CLOSURE WEDNESDAY, THIS WEEK, AT 12.30. BIG  
WEEKLY STEAK SALE WEDNESDAY A. M.

DRAINED LEG- HORN CITRON, Pound ....19c	TURKEY LAYER FIGS, Pound ....23c	NEW CLEANED CURRANTS, Pkg. ....15c	BEST SEEDED RAISINS, Pkg. ....9c	BEST MINCE MEAT, Pkg. ....7c
NEW MIXED NUTS, Pound ....15c	CAPE COD CRANBERRIES, 3 Qts. ....25c	WELL BLEACHED CELERY, Bunch ....10c	YELLOW COOK- ING ONIONS, Pound ....5c	FANCY ENGLISH WALNUTS, Pound ....15c
AMERICAN MIXED CANDY, Pound ....12c	FANCY ASSORT- ED CHOCOLATES, Pound ....14c	PERSIAN DATES, Pkg. ....9c	TABLE RAISINS, Pound ....20c	SUGAR WAFERS, Pound ....23c
EGG BISCUIT, Pound ....20c	MALAGA GRAPES, Pound ....15c	FLORIDA ORANGES, Dozen ....21c	WINE SAP APPLES, Dozen ....25c	GRAPE- FRUIT, Each ....5c

## SPECIAL XMAS DINNER BASKET

NO. 1	NO. 2	NO. 3
4 or 5 lb. Roast Beef......65	4 or 5 lb. Chicken about.....1.00	1 or 5 lb. Roast of Pork about......65
1/2 lb. Ground Coffee......13	1 Can Peaches......12	1 Can Tomato Soup......09
2 lbs. Sugar......15	6 Juicy Oranges......11	1 Loaf Bread......10
1 Can Evap. Milk......09	1 pkg. Plum Pudding......10	1/4 lb. Good Tea......10
1/2 lb. Best Butter......19	1 Can Tomato Soup......09	1 Jar Jam......10
1 Loaf Bread......10	1/2 Peck Potatoes......22	1/2 lb. Best Butter......19
1/2 pk. Potatoes......22	1 Can Green Peas......10	1/2 Peck Potatoes......22
1 Can Corn......10	1 lb. Grapes......15	2 Lbs. Sugar......15
Total Value......1.63	Total Value......1.89	Total value......1.60

Packed in basket containing the above items only. For 1.30

N. B.—We have prepared the above list of Xmas Dinners to sell at cost. Remember your less fortunate friend.

## A CHRISTMAS GIFT WORTH WHILE. YOUR CHOICE OF BEN HUR OR MUSKETEER \$9 FLOUR, BARREL, IN WOOD,

# SAUNDERS' MARKET

dropped to the floor unconscious. Dr. J. V. Rochette was summoned in haste, when he arrived Mr. Roy had passed away. The body was viewed by Medical Examiner J. V. Meigs, who said death was due to heart disease. Deceased, who was 43 years of age, is survived by his wife, a son, Charles, his mother, Mrs. Napoleon Roy, two brothers, Alfred of Chelmsford Centre and Phillip of this city, and a sister, Mrs. E. St. Arnault.

### DELIGHTFUL RECITAL

A delightful recital was given Saturday afternoon at the home of Miss Ella M. Reilly in Tenth street. Miss Reilly was assisted by Miss Elizabeth F. Conway, reader. A feature of the program was that all pieces were played from memory.

The program was as follows:  
Duet, Happy Greeting..... Warren  
Alto, M. Kelly, Miss Reilly  
In the Month of May.....Bair  
My Ma's Waltz.....Mack  
Agnes Barton  
Reading.....Selected  
Miss Elizabeth F. Conway  
Duet, Mary Quinn, Miss Reilly  
In the Church.....L. E. Orth  
Virginia Mahoney  
Folk Song.....Sartorio  
May Minstrel.....L. E. Orth  
Dolly and I.....L. E. Orth  
Ruth Cavanaugh  
Duet, John McManmon, Miss Reilly  
Curly Locks.....L. E. Orth  
Elizabeth T. Cassidy  
Dance of the Gnomes.....Hamer  
Margaret F. Mahoney

### HURT HIS HAND

Harvey Greenwood of 26 Worthen street was taken in the ambulance to the Lowell Corporation hospital this morning suffering from a laceration on the first finger of his right hand sustained at the Saco-Lowell machine shops.

### FORMER CONG. G. W. COOKE DEAD

Was Civil War Veteran and Formerly a Prominent Railroad Man Born in Indiana

PERKINS, Colo., Dec. 18.—George W. Cooke, 85, former congressman from Colorado, a Civil War veteran and formerly a prominent railroad man, died here yesterday. He was born in Indiana.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

### ITALY'S NEW WAR TAXES

ROME, Dec. 18.—Italy's new war taxes to be applied beginning next June, are expected to bring upwards of forty million dollars. The heaviest tax, apparently, is intended to fall on manufacturers of war supplies, to the extent of 60 per cent on profits earned over 20 per cent of invested capital. An additional tax of three-fourths of one per cent is levied on the foreign companies doing business in Italy.

Another heavy tax falls on property owners. A direct tax of 5 per cent monthly is to be paid by owners of apartment and tenement houses, or on rented houses. A small direct tax is imposed on all soldiers and officers who, though mobilized, do not form part of the active fighting troops, and another tax is imposed on men who perform no military duty because of ill-health or other reasons.

## FOOD RESTRICTION IN FORCE IN ENGLAND

### TWO COURSES FOR BREAKFAST OR LUNCHEON AND THREE COURSES FOR DINNER

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The first food restriction went into force in England today. Hotels and restaurants are now forbidden to serve more than two courses for breakfast or luncheon and three courses for dinner.

Little inconvenience was experienced in connection with the two first meals. The Englishman's usual breakfast consists of a cereal and bacon, eggs or fish, and except in the more expensive places a luncheon of two courses is the rule. It was in arranging for a dinner of three courses that the caterers experienced the greatest difficulties, but even in this case few are likely to go hungry as hors d'oeuvres and soup count only half a course and for the two other courses diners have the choice of fish, entrees or roasts, with vegetables and desserts. Cheese with bread and butter or crackers is not counted as a course.

The meatless day which is expected to follow shortly will prove a more difficult problem for restaurants which make a specialty of roasts.

## Academy of Music

THREE DAYS ONLY  
MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY

## WHERE ARE MY CHILDREN

Have you seen this daring photo production?  
If not, this is your opportunity, at these greatly reduced prices.  
10 and 15c  
This is our treat to the (Loving) people of Lowell.

### FOUR SHOWS DAILY

Afternoons at 2.30 and 5.30  
Evenings at 7.30 and 9.30



## GEO. F. BAKER CALLED "WALL ST.'S BIG MAN"

Wall street and the other financial centres of America, while not hopeful of peace, felt the stirring that affected the rest of the world and the foreign exchange market reflected the in-



creased chance of peace. A number of the belligerent exchanges, conspicuous by German exchequer as well as by changes on some of the neutral countries, advanced in decided fashion. Should peace come soon George F. Baker of New York probably will be one of the leading figures in the financial reorganization to follow the war. By many he is called "Wall street's biggest man." Mr. Baker is chairman of the board of the First National Bank of New York. This snapshot of Mr. Baker who is 76 years old, was made a few days ago.

## POPE NOT TO ATTEMPT TO MEDIATE AT PRESENT

ROME, Dec. 17, via Paris, Dec. 18.—Pope Benedict has no intention of attempting to mediate among the belligerents at present, according to a statement issued today by the Vatican. The statement says that neither the pope nor the holy see has made or wish to make any comment regarding Germany's peace proposals and that therefore any announcements attributed to them are absolutely unfounded. It is added that the pope naturally has an ardent desire for peace but that he does not believe intervention at the present moment would hasten its conclusion.

The net result of several resolutions introduced in the chamber of deputies regarding the German peace offer and a prolonged discussion among the senators and deputies was the decision by the legislators that no peace would be accepted unless in accordance with national aspirations and the rights of peoples based on the principles of nationality. If such a peace is impossible to obtain diplomatically it was declared that it must be obtained by victory of arms.

## SIMPLE FUNERAL FOR PROF. MUNSTERBERG

BODY TO BE CREMATED AND THE  
ASHES SENT LATER TO GERMANY  
FOR BURIAL

CAMBRIDGE, Dec. 18.—A brief funeral service for Hugo Munsterberg, professor of psychology at Harvard University, who died suddenly on Saturday while lecturing at Radcliffe college, was held today from the Munsterberg residence in this city. The body was placed temporarily in a vault at Mount Auburn cemetery to be cremated in accordance with Prof. Munsterberg's wishes, and the ashes sent later to Germany for burial. The service at the house was conducted by Rev. George F. Moore, professor of the history of religion at Harvard, in English, and at the chapel, Rev. A. A. Berle, a former student, offered a prayer in German. Classes at Harvard and at Radcliffe college were suspended for an hour as a mark of respect.

## MAN WORTH \$14,000 DIED OF STARVATION

WORCESTER, Dec. 18.—Thomas Morahan of North Grafton, 35 years old and reported to have \$14,000 in savings banks, died today in Worcester City hospital from frozen hands and feet, and starvation. He was found yesterday in his cottage on Brigham hill in a mentally deranged condition by a neighbor who called to dig his home out of the snow drifts.

DRIVING SNOW STORM  
NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 18.—Middle Tennessee was under a driving snow storm today which seemed to reach its greatest intensity at Nashville, six inches of snow had fallen here by 8 p. m., and it was still falling. Street railway traffic is greatly impeded.

## THIRD WEEK OF TRIAL OF ALLEGED PLOTTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—The third week of the trial of Franz Bopp, German consul general, and his co-defendants on charges of conspiring to violate the neutrality of the United States by interfering with the shipment of munitions to the entente alliance, was resumed in the United States district court here today. Mrs. Mary Smith, wife of Louis J. Smith, the government's chief witness, is to be the first witness. The prosecution expects her to corroborate her husband's testimony concerning the dealings he is alleged to have had last year with the German consul general and his associates, Smith, who is one of the defendants in the case, was formerly an employee of the consulate, and with C. C. Crowley, a detective, is alleged to have been an active agent in the various dynamite plots. Although Vice Consul E. H. von Shack, Lieut. George W. von Brincken, Crowley and Mrs. Margaret Cornell have been implicated by Smith's testi-

mony, Bopp's connection with the case has not been brought out. United States District Attorney John W. Preston said he expected to show that Bopp was the only member of the consulate who could sign checks; that he signed checks at the time of an alleged payment of \$1200 to Smith and \$500 to Crowley, which Smith claims was made by von Brincken for the consulate, and that the checks will prove Bopp knew what was to be done with the money. It has been alleged by the prosecution that a \$100,000 fund was placed at the disposal of the consulate, for the purpose of impeding munition shipments to the allies.

MAN SAVED FROM DROWNING  
DEDHAM, Dec. 18.—The first skating accident of the season occurred here yesterday afternoon when John Ross, 22, son of Anthony and Mary Ross of Bullard road, Dedham, broke through the ice as he was skating near what is known as the one-mile post in the Charles river, and was rescued from drowning by Franklin Frazier, 15, of Bridge street. Frazier, lying on his stomach, worked himself near the open water. At the same time Ross pushed himself through the thin ice until he could

reach Frazier and after about 10 minutes' immersion in the water was brought to safety. He was taken to a nearby house, given dry clothes and appeared none the worse for his ducking.

## AGED COUPLE FOUND MURDERED IN HOME

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 18.—Mr. and Mrs. John P. Becker, 85 and 83 years old, respectively, were found murdered yesterday at their home near Mason City, Ill. The couple had been shot to death and their home riddled with bullets. Bloodhounds are on the trail of the slayers.

The couple, said to be wealthy and the owners of 3000 acres of farm land, are reported to have hoarded their wealth since the failure of a bank several years ago. This money, together with \$3000 rent money received recently, is missing.

## OPPENHEIM ORDERED OUT OF UNITED STATES

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Baron Robert Emmanuel Oppenheim, reputed to be a French and English financier, was ordered deported from the United States after a hearing before the board of inquiry of the bureau of immigration here today. He appealed immediately to the department of labor at Washington.

The baron's exclusion was directed. It was announced at the offices of the commissioner of immigration, on the ground that he had committed a crime

involving moral turpitude. Details as to the character of the alleged offense were withheld by the board, the explanation being made that information must come from the Washington authorities. It was understood that a charge against him is pending in the courts of France and it was presumed that the board considered his status as that of a fugitive from justice from a foreign country.

## BRITISH IN SUCCESSFUL RAIDING OPERATIONS

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Successful raiding and airplane operations by the British on the Macedonia front are reported in today's official statement regarding operations in that war area. The statement reads:

"British troops successfully raided enemy trenches in the Hozanlar district on the Struma front and at Brest on Lake Doiran, on Saturday and Sunday. Forty enemy dead were counted and prisoners also were taken. Our airplanes dropped bombs on the Tumba station and inflicted damage upon enemy transports on the Giveli-Chernitsa road."

REPRESENTS ARGENTINE  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—The Argentine republic is to be represented in western America for the first time by a consul general, who in the person of Horacio Bossi Caceras, who established headquarters here today. Heretofore the interests of the republic were cared for by an acting consul. The jurisdiction of the consul general will include 11 western states. Senor Caceras announced that he was desirous of promoting trade between his country and the United States.

## ELECTRIC CAR TIPPED OVER; 34 INJURED MELLEN TO BE CALLED IN RECEIVERSHIP CASE

FALL RIVER, Dec. 18.—An electric car containing 24 passengers tipped over on a sharp curve at the foot of Conant Hill in North Tiverton, R. I., yesterday.

Six of the passengers were brought to St. Anne's hospital here, where it was reported that the most seriously hurt was Mrs. Henry Borden of this city. Mrs. Borden has severe cuts and bruises on the head and body.

Others treated for injuries, cuts and bruises are Miss Hamby, Mrs. Frost, Mrs. Sacks, Mrs. Minkin and Henry Borden, all of this city. The remaining passengers, who suffered minor injuries, were sent to their homes in automobiles and carriages.

## GERMAN BONDS UNDER REPRISALS ORDER

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Sir Samuel Evans, president of the British prize court, advised today that German bonds come under the reprisals order and that German securities to the value of 30,000 marks which were seized while on their way in a letter to the State Commercial and Savings bank of Chicago, should remain in court as property of enemy origin until the declaration of peace or until dealt with as the court might direct subsequently. The securities were seized on board the Danish steamship Frederik VIII.

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—Charles E. Mellen, former president of the Boston & Maine, the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroads, will be called as a witness in the federal court here tomorrow in the receivership proceedings for the former road, according to a statement today by counsel for the Boston & Maine Minority Stockholders Protective association, which is opposing continuance of the present temporary receivership.

Mr. Mellen, it was stated, probably will take the stand during the forenoon and his testimony is expected to occupy most of the day.

FISHING SCHOONER CONDEMNED  
HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 18.—The Boston fishing schooner John J. Fallon was condemned and ordered sold by the admiralty court here today, for violation of the Canadian fishery regulations. It was charged that the Fallon fished within the three-mile limit of territorial waters near St. Paul, Cape Breton.

FEDERAL INQUIRY  
CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 18.—The federal grand jury was to convene here today to begin investigation of high food and fuel prices in this vicinity and to determine whether illegal combinations and conspiracies exist to force up prices of necessities.

A PRACTICAL PRESENT  
THERMOS BOTTLES  
Of all kinds, \$1.50 and up.  
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Each of these Blouses delightfully new, fresh from its crisp wrappings, is displayed for its premier showing in the James Company Blouse Section.

The cleverest new style notes are expressed in the Venise lace trimmed pockets, pleated fronts, metallic embroideries and Roman striped collars and cuffs.

Materials include Georgette crepe and crepe de chine of excellent quality, in white, flesh or suit shades.

Another Big Lot of

## BRAND NEW WAISTS

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Regular Price 3.95

With our big buying power, our New York office has just taken all the \$3.95 waists this manufacturer had. You will get the benefit. They will make beautiful Christmas presents.

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# FURS

Very Specially Priced

Furs are supreme among Christmas gifts, other things assume second place before their luxurious, sumptuous beauty. From the items quoted below many valuable suggestions may be gleaned for holiday giving.

## SEPARATE MUFFS

VERY SPECIALLY PRICED

Genuine Beaver Muffs.....	21.75
Black Narobia Muffs, melon shape.....	10.75
Gray Kit Fox Muffs.....	7.75
Black Narobia Muffs, pillow shape.....	7.45
Black Narobia Large Pillow Muffs.....	14.75
Natural Raccoon Muffs.....	16.95
Near Seal Muffs, melon shape.....	12.75
Natural Muskrat Muffs.....	10.75
Imitation Ermine Muffs.....	13.75

## SEPARATE SCARFS

VERY SPECIALLY PRICED

Black Narobia Scarfs.....	5.95
Gray Kit Fox Capes.....	8.75
Taupe Fox Collar.....	18.75
Natural Raccoon Scarfs.....	13.75
Black Narobia Scarfs, long mantle shape.....	19.75
Near Seal Collarettes.....	19.75

## CHILDREN'S SETS

Raccoon, Wild Cat, Tiger, Ermine, Squirrel, White Fox and Lamb.....	2.75 to 9.75
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## PERFECTLY MATCHED SETS

VERY SPECIALLY PRICED

RED FOX SETS, large animal scarf and barrel muff, finished with head and tail.....	74.75
SITKA FOX SETS, whole animal scarf and round barrel muff.....	59.50
TAUPE FOX SET, long flat scarf and large barrel muff.....	\$6.75

## BATH ROBES

Robes made of Beacon blankets, soft and warm, in different weights and patterns, both Indian and conventional designs. Specially priced.....	2.45, 3.95, 4.95
Robes for children, also of Beacon blankets.....	1.98

SILK UNDERWEAR SHOP

## CAMISOLES

Charmingly Dainty

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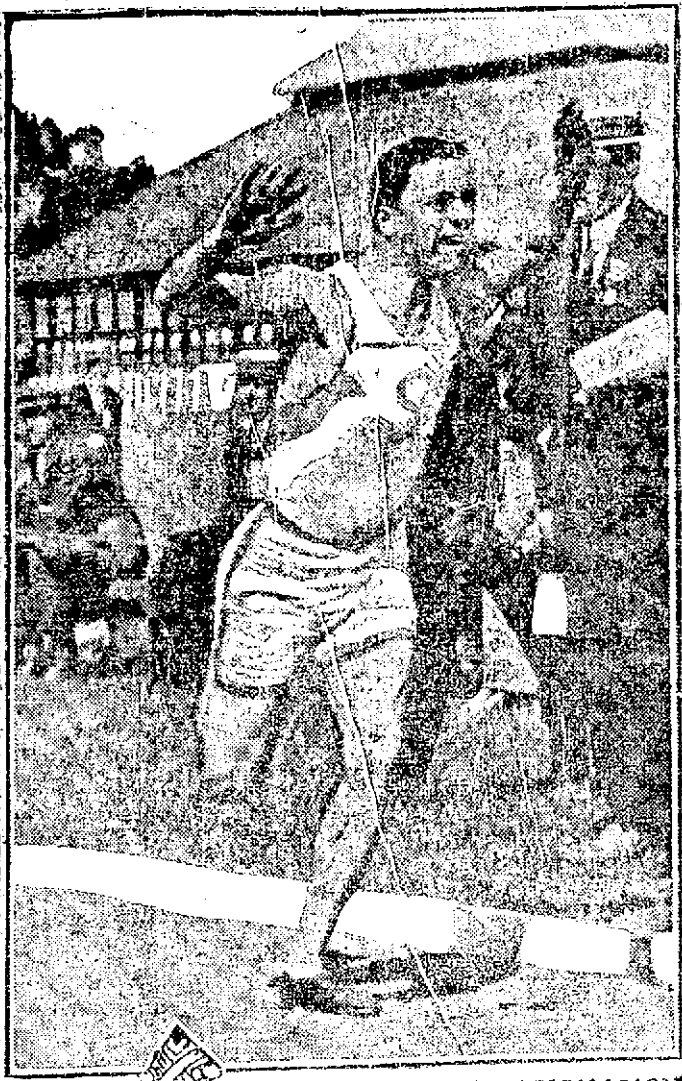
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## HOWARD DREW, CHAMPION SPRINTER, TO TAKE UP RUNNING AGAIN



NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Howard P. Drew, the sensational sprinter, is training again. Drew, who is now a law student at Drake university, Des Moines, Ia., has started to condition himself despite the fact that he knows that further participation in athletics on his part is opposed by the Drake faculty, Coach Knapp, coach and the former champion's parents.

Drew is not doing any running as yet, but is working on his play-acting, which game he is using to build up his general condition. The champion must be confident of his ability to show something on the track, he says, for his father, who is a local friend, indicates that he will be even in competition here before the winter is over. Photo shows Drew winning.

## STORM CUTS DOWN THE PRODUCTION OF SISAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—One of the worst storms in the history of Yucatan, Mexico, cut down the production of sisal so that receipts of the product at Progreso during November were 45 per cent. below normal, according to information received here by the Sisal Regulating commission and made public today.

The property damage was extensive and numbers of American vessels were among the thirty-one ships carrying ships destroyed or damaged, the statement said. The service of 30,000 laborers are urgently needed to repair injury to crops.

day that parliament before it was proposed would be asked to pass a bill to authorize the treasury, if the house was not sitting, to issue a war loan. The bill said the chancellor would not state the terms of issue and it would not limit the loan to a fixed amount, it merely would enable the treasury to issue the loan if it thought the time opportune.

It is hoped that parliament may be prorogued on Friday to reassemble early in February.

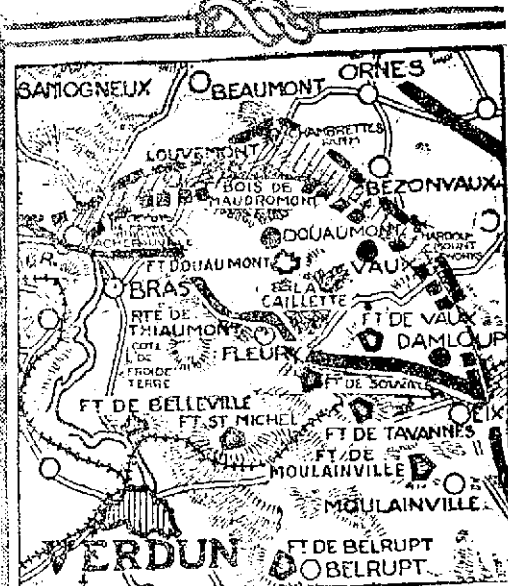
STEAMER JUNO FLOATED  
BRIGANTINE, N. J., Dec. 18. The Norwegian freight steamer Juno, which came ashore off Little Beach, N. J., during the snow storm on Saturday, was floated today with the aid of several working tugs. Apparently undamaged, the Juno proceeded to New York.

IN BOSTON  
The Sun is on sale every day at both news stands of the Union Station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your ride for Lowell.

## FRENCH ATTACK PUSHES BACK LINE DRAWN BY GERMANS AROUND VERDUN



GERMAN CROWN PRINCE, COMMANDING AT VERDUN  
AND MAP OF FRENCH ADVANCE AT VERDUN



The French attack at Verdun was on a front of ten kilometers or six and one-quarter miles from Vacherauville to a point south of Dieppe. The attack drove through the German line for a depth of about two miles, capturing more than 200 prisoners and many guns, according to the reports from Paris. The shaded portion of the map indicates that advance. The ground gained in the great attack on Dec. 18 is also shown. The solid black line in the upper right hand corner of the map is the battle line last February, when the Germans began their Verdun drive. Crown Prince Frederick Wilhelm, who has been attacking Verdun, the first attempt to capture the fortress last February met with a considerable measure of success, for the German line was able to make a strong stand. Gen. Nivelle, recently selected to succeed Joffre as chief commander in chief of the French army, is now at Verdun. His new attacks are called an "operation" in the German press reports.

## THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN JOINT COMMISSION

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18.—Indications at the close of the morning session of the Mexican-American commission were that Gen. Carranza was not disposed to close the door against an agreement with the American representatives who have been trying for more than three months to solve questions at issue between Mexico and the United States. When the commission reconvened today after a three weeks' recess, Alberto J. Pani reported the results of his visit to Queretaro. The report was made verbally and was received by the Americans without comment. An adjournment until later in the day was taken, when it is expected the details of his written message from Mexico will be discussed.

The exact character of the report was not revealed but it was learned that while Carranza had not signed the protocol drafted at Atlantic City this was not necessarily to be taken as an indication that it would not be ratified later, the signature being perhaps that of Ambassador-designate Arredondo, who is qualified and authorized by the Mexican executive to sign such a document.

It was understood that Mr. Pani's message was not signed by Carranza but was in the form of a communication from the Mexican commissioners, authorized by the main executive and calculated to be an answer to the statement of Secretary Lane, chairman of the American commission, made on the last day of the conference at Atlantic City.

## THREE PERSONS HURT IN TROLLEY CAR UPSET

FITCHBURG, Dec. 19.—An electric car containing eight persons jumped a curve at the foot of the South street hill last night, plunked across the street and tipped over within 15 feet of a deep gully.

Three of the passengers, Miss Hilda Hilpoth, and Miss Lant of this city, and Miss Lillian Brown of Leominster, were severely cut and bruised. The others escaped with minor injuries.

The car was bound from Leominster to this city over the lines of the Leominster & Fitchburg Street Railway Co. It got beyond control on the down grade and hit the curve with such speed that it shot straight ahead across the street toward a ravine when it hit a pile of lumber and upset.

\$20,000 LOSS BY FIRE  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Destruction by fire of a two-story frame building at the American naval station at Annapolis, Md., containing the offices of the engineering, hull and accounting divisions, is reported in a cablegram from the commandant of the station. Total loss is given at \$20,000. There was no loss of life.

X-RAY EXPERT DEAD  
BOSTON, Dec. 18.—Dr. Walter J. Dodd, for many years in charge of X-ray work at the Massachusetts General hospital, died at his home today. He had undergone numerous operations made necessary by the effects of the ray, and associates attributed his death to this cause. Dr. Dodd was 47 years of age.

WHITE PINE BLISTER DISEASE  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—White pine blister disease will be the principal subject for discussion by the American Forestry association at its national conference to be held here Jan. 18 and 19. Many advisers will attend the conference.

combined fight on the disease which is said to threaten \$25,000,000 worth of pine timber in the United States and state governors have been asked to send delegates.

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## CARDINAL O'CONNELL ON SOCIAL SERVICE

ADDRESS TO BOSTON CATHOLIC CHARITIES—ADVOCATES FAITH RATHER THAN FADS

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—"Social service is not charity—never can be charity. Social service is at least an avocation, oftener, in fact quite generally, it is an easy job. It has its use as every avocation, even every job has. But play no hypocrisy! We know very well the infinite unattractable distance between social service and Christian charity."

Thus declared Cardinal O'Connell in an address before more than 200 representatives of the various Catholic charitable organizations and societies of the diocese, at a meeting held in St. Cecilia's Guild hall, Belvidere st., yesterday. The meeting was called for the purpose of uniting the various Catholic charitable societies and organizations.

Does Not Condemn  
The cardinal was careful to say, however, that "I am not condemning social service, much less the social servant. I am only pointing out that it is not the whole story, not everything. The perfect thing, pretty nearly every thing, would be the combination of both—social worker and Vincentian, whether male or female. That is the experienced and intelligent, and good Christian." Continuing, the cardinal said:

"You may keep, if you will, your terminology, but you will never again destroy ours. That game is gone forever. It will never succeed again. The vogue of that particular verbal two-step is passed.

"What is needed today among all classes of Catholics here in America is more confidence in themselves and less weak imitation and spineless subservience to what is called the spirit of the age, this up-to-dateness, this yesterday-civilization with its cocksure methods and its empty boastfulness. By this time the world ought to realize that what is most needed today is not a new batch of fads, but a glance backward to the ages of faith. The two great nations which for half a century had claimed the monopoly of intelligence and cleverness and learning are now, God help them, both in the last throes of the bitterest life and death struggle the world has ever known."

"When a community is so occupied as to turn over its human problems to the professional social workers, trained along purely mathematical lines, it will find at the end of a certain period of time that all the problems of crime and poverty and unrest, have been solved completely on paper—the reports are all perfectly accurate—and if it then gets a moment to put on its spectacles and look out of the window instead of at the report, it will find that the same problems are still there and nothing much has been really accomplished, except the printing."

Other speakers followed on the advantages to be derived from a closer union of all Catholic charities.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC  
Lowell people are to be given another chance to see that absorbing motion picture play, "Where Are My Children?" Every day this week this stupendous production will be shown at the Academy of Music, under new management. Tyrone Power will be seen in the leading role, supported by an all-star cast. The Universal Film Co. has made a truly wonderful production of the dramatic story which contains a moral of appealing strength. The usual prices of 10 and 15 cents will be maintained for the feature, the first time Lowell people have had the opportunity of seeing the picture at these popular prices.

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## COMING TO STUDY OUR COMMERCIAL METHODS

PARIS, Dec. (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Next summer fifty young Frenchmen will be sent from France to the United States and Canada to study American commercial methods in large typical banks, factories and shipping firms, and to become acquainted with the American mind and its principal viewpoints. They will stay a month in the United States, visiting in banks, factories and shipping offices at New York, universities and spinning mills in Boston, lumber mills and tanneries in Montreal, canning factories in Chicago, the seat of government at Washington, iron and steel works of Pittsburgh, the petroleum industry in Philadelphia, grain stores at Baltimore, and "culture in general" at St. Louis. Meanwhile 50 young Americans will be doing exactly the same sort of thing in France with a view of getting a notion about French commercial methods and French points of view.

A steamship company has agreed to charge only 120 francs per student for the voyage to and from the families and towns concerned paying one-half and the chamber of commerce the other. The fee of the youths and traffic arrangements generally will be undertaken by a travel agency.

The students in order to qualify for the trip must have the diploma of a

commercial high school or agricultural college, and be able to speak well English and French respectively. The choice of the students in America will be made by the "Franco-American" committee in connection with American chambers of commerce; and, correspondingly, in France. The French youths arriving in New York will be personally conducted in groups by expert instructors. Two French professors will guide the American students in the two countries.

in France. M. Gustave, president of the "Franco-American" committee in New York, tells the Associated Press that it is hoped to establish after the war institutes in France and America which will supply all necessary commercial information, display specimens of goods and in general promote reciprocal economic knowledge between the two countries.

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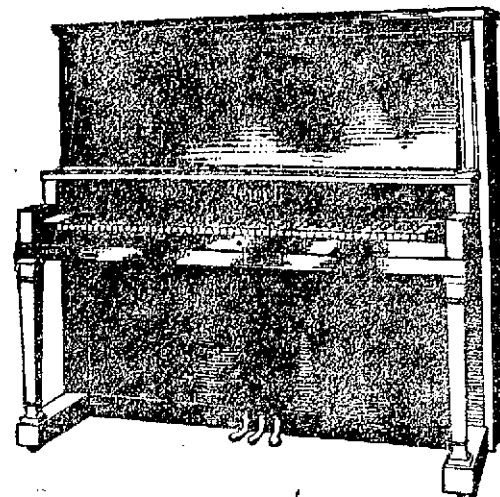
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The work is credited to 120 civil engineers of the government department of public works, aided by army engineers proper, likewise by 20,000 workmen and 100,000 army mules, hitched to 50,000 wagons.

The foregoing is the first official record of the exact extent of the construction work on this front, carried on steadily for 18 months despite a long winter, avalanches, snow falls, rains, floods, frost, high mountain passes, and all the other ills by which engineers are beset.

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# ENGLAND REJECTS PEACE OFFER

## COUNCIL VOTES \$27,000 U. S. CHIEF OF ENGINEERS PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE FOR PURCHASE OF PARK AND PLAYGROUND FAVORS MERRIMACK RIVER PLAN REPLIES TO GERMAN PROPOSALS

The municipal council held a meeting this morning at 10 o'clock and after doing considerable routine business held a recess until 11:15, when a conference was held with a committee of the board of trade relative to the adoption of an ordinance governing shingles and fire prevention.

The Bay State Street Railway Co. petitioned for the changing of one pole on the westerly side of Boylston street, corner of Rogers. A representative of the company said the petition is on a request of the park superintendent. Referred.

The Lowell Electric Light Corporation petitioned for the location of two poles on Winthrop avenue and one pole on Chapel street between Pollard and Walnut streets. Referred.

A hearing was given on the petition of Alfred Armstrong for a garage at the Waterhead mills on Lawrence street.

The Lowell Electric Light Corp. petitioned for underground conduits on School street, across the Pawtucket bridge and on Varnum avenue, also for one pole on Loring street, one on Willow street, and underground conduits on Warren street. A hearing was set for Jan. 9 at 10 a. m.

Petitions for garage licenses were requested by Armand V. Secord, 724 Moody street; Joseph B. V. Coburn, Continued to page three

### General Black Concurs With Recommendation of Board of Engineers to Make the Merrimack Navigable From Lowell to the Sea

The following special despatch shows that General Black has concurred in the recommendation of the United States army engineers for a plan of making the Merrimack river navigable from Lowell to the sea.

SPECIAL TO THE SUN

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19, 1916.—Congressman Rogers today received the following letter from General Black which gives gratifying assurance of Merrimack River improvements:

"Hon. John Jacob Rogers, Congressman 5th District—

"Dear Sir: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your very interesting statement of Nov. 14, 1916, with reference to the additional information that I desired concerning the Merrimack River project, and I take pleasure in stating that I have today concurred in the recommendation of the board of engineers for rivers and harbors, that the United States undertake this work upon the basis of co-operation recommended by the board.

"Very respectfully,

WM. BLACK, Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army."

The proposition is that the federal government pay fifty per cent. and the state of Massachusetts the other fifty per cent.. The estimated expense is approximately seven million dollars. Congressman Rogers has worked unrelentingly to bring about the co-operation of the federal government and is much gratified at the victory just announced.

RICHARDS.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Premier Lloyd George said in the house of commons today that it was felt that they should know before entering on negotiations, that Germany is prepared to accede to the only terms whereupon it is possible for peace to be obtained and maintained in Europe.

The premier said that without reparation by Germany peace would be impossible. Mr. Lloyd George said there were no proposals for peace. To enter into proposals of which they had no knowledge was to put their heads into a noose with the rope and in the hands of Germany.

Much as they longed for it, the premier added, the central powers note and the speech preceding it afforded small encouragement and hope for an honorable and lasting peace.

"Our answer will be given in full accord with our allies. Each of the allies has separately and independently arrived at the same conclusion. I am glad of the first answer given by France and Russia."

Mr. Lloyd George said the allies would insist that the only end of the war must be a complete guaranty against Prussian militarism disturbing the peace of Europe.

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## GEN. SCOTT SAYS SENDING TROOPS TO THE BORDER VERY BENEFICIAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. Congressional committees were again engrossed with national defense problems today, the house military and naval committees dealing with necessary appropriations to carry forward the rebuilding of the navy and development of the National Guard while Mr. Scott, chief of staff, renewed his plea before a senate subcommittee for abandonment of the National Guard and all other volunteer systems in favor of universal training and service.

Gen. Scott made it plain that the general staff had no quarrel with the officers and men of the guard, but only with the system and argued that its defects were inherent in any plan that was based on the inclination of individuals toward military training. Before the naval committee, which resumed consideration of the 1913 estimates after a week's delay, Capt. William S. Sims, commanding the new dreadnought Nevada, was the first man from the active fleet to present his views.

He told of the conditions of modern battle, of the need for the progress being made by the fleet toward battle efficiency.

Brig. Gen. Weaver, chief of coast artillery, continued before the house military committee his explanation of items for the coast defenses in the 1918 bill.

The National Guard force mobilized on the border would have required nearly a year of intensive training to prepare it to meet trained troops, Gen. Scott declared before the committee today.

"Fortunately the Mexicans were not

trained troops," he added, "and our purpose to protect the border was accomplished by the mere presence of our men without firing a shot. We never contemplated sending the National Guard over the border until they had been trained, although I sat up until 2 or 3 o'clock every morning at the war department fully expecting a message saying that the fight was on, that Pershing's force or the border guard had been attacked.

"We felt that the National Guard troops would have destroyed themselves in muzzling had they been sent through that bad country."

General Pershing's troops made phenomenal marches. There was not a National Guard organization that could have done it. It would have killed both men and horses.

"We sent the National Guard down because it was all we had and we wanted the Mexicans to see that soldiers were coming," he said.

"Do you think this mobilization was beneficial for our country?" asked Senator Brady.

"I do," answered Gen. Scott. "It had a very beneficial effect in preventing attack and gave protection to American lives and property on the border for the first time in five years."

"It is the volunteer system that is at fault," Gen. Scott said. "It has always failed us. It is undemocratic, unreliable, inefficient and expensive."

Asked if it would be fair if privates would improve the present system, Gen. Scott said:

"If you increase the pay of the army to a point where it would produce a force of the size we must have, you will bankrupt the nation."

### 200 MEN ENTOMBED BY EXPLOSION IN MINE

VINCENNES, Ind., Dec. 19.—About 200 men were entombed in the Bruceville mine of the Oliphant-Johnson Co. nine miles from Vincennes by an explosion shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon. An hour later only ten men had been rescued, according to reports received here.

At this afternoon's session of the superior court, civil session, the case of Molgahan vs. the Boston & Maine railroad, an action of tort, which was started yesterday, was taken from the jury and a verdict ordered for the defendant.

The next case to go to trial was of Francis J. McGonick, pro am. vs. Burton E. Watson, an action of tort in the sum of \$1000. The plaintiff claims that on July 28, 1915, while in Middlesex street he was attacked and bitten by a dog owned by the defendant and severely injured. John J. & William A. Hogan for the plaintiff and Edward J. Tierney for the defendant.

SPANISH STEAMER SUNK  
LONDON, Dec. 19. A Lloyd's shipping agency announced that the Spanish steamer Asen has been sunk.

The steamer Asen, of 2081 tons gross, built at Cadix in 1901, was last reported as arriving at Bordeaux on Nov. 13 from Ayer, Scotland.

SISTERS FOUND DEAD IN ROOM  
HOLYOKE, Dec. 19.—Miss Bridget Madden, aged 32 and her sister Miss Teresa Madden, 45, were found dead this morning in their room in High street. Death was pronounced due to accidental gas asphyxiation. They had not been seen since Sunday.

COACH BUS REAPPOINTED  
PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 19.—Announcement was made today that John H. Rush has been reappointed head coach of the Princeton football team of 1917. It will be his third year in that position.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS  
FLASH LIGHTS, 50c to \$3.00  
THERMOS SETS, \$1.50 up  
FOUNTAIN PENS, \$1.00, \$2.50, \$5.00  
POCKET KNIVES, 50c, 75c, \$1.00  
INGERSOLL WATCHES, \$1.25, \$2.00, 3.00  
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HOTEL NAPOLI  
Friend St., Boston  
Table D'Hotel Lunch, 11 to 3, 50c  
Table D'Hotel Dinner, 5 to 9, 75c  
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Signor Patisserie's Orchestra  
Open Till Midnight

## THE MORRIS PLAN COMPANY

New Banking Institution  
Organized In This  
City

Organization Completed  
and Officers Elected—  
Papers Filed Today

The organization of the Lowell Morris Plan Co., a \$100,000 corporation, has been completed and the incorporation papers have been filed at the state house. The entire capital stock has been raised, \$75,000 in Lowell and the balance in New York city.

John H. Murphy, secretary of the Lowell board of trade for almost six years, has been elected treasurer and general manager, and will assume his duties Jan. 1. A meeting of the incorporators has been held and the following have been elected officers and directors:

President, Robert E. Marden; vice-presidents, George Stevens and Harry Dunlap; treasurer and clerk, John H. Murphy; directors, J. Harry Boardman, W. Herick Brown, Edward P.



JOHN H. MURPHY  
Treasurer and General Manager

Carney, Austin K. Chadwick, Harold L. Chittenden, Frederick C. Church, Frank E. Parker, Harry Dunlap, Hon. Frederick A. Fisher, Joseph H. Guilford, Percy Guilford, John H. Harrington, J. Continued to page seven

## GERMAN RAIDER CHASED LINER ADRIATIC

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—An unidentified ship having one funnel and two masts, in general answering the description of the German raider of which extensive vessels had been warned by wireless during the past ten days, followed the White Star liner Adriatic last Friday morning, according to passengers when she arrived here today from Liverpool.

The ship was sighted off the Grand Banks of Newfoundland. The Adriatic

## CHALIFOUX'S ON THE SQUARE

Clothing  
During the stone age of man, the clothing worn was little. As years went by and the bronze age was reached, man began to wear a full dress of animal skins. Still later, in the age of iron, clothing advanced to its best stage in prehistoric time for man had learned to weave. As the world progressed, clothing became more and more important. At the present stage of civilization it is one of the most important needs of man. Chalifoux carries a full line of wearing apparel for the whole family.

Four more shopping days before Christmas.  
Written by George Myers of the Lowell High School Commercial Dept.

## GRANGE ACTIVE FORCE IN STATE OF MAINE

BANGOR, Me., Dec. 19.—The Grange is fast becoming a strong, permanent and active force in the affairs of this state, according to views expressed by State Master W. H. Hennessey of South China, in his annual report today before the Maine State Grange.

To show its permanence, he said that of the first 20 Granges organized 43 years ago, 19 are still existing and are among the strongest in the state. Maine, he said, has the largest subordinate lodge in the world, having a larger percentage of members, according to population, and more property is owned than in any other state.

In discussing good roads, he expressed the opinion that a much larger proportion of road money should be expended for roads connecting the farm and factory with the market or shipping point, that the wealthier community should contribute to the poorer, that the present system of trunk line and hand state roads is more intensive than the state can afford, because of the immense mileage, and that much money could be saved by building roads from the standpoint of business rather than that of the engineer. He said road building should be a business problem and not an engineering problem.

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## TO VACCINATE WHOLE CITY OF WATERBURY

EFFORT TO CHECK THE SPREAD OF SMALL POX NOW PREVALENT THERE

HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 19.—The whole city of Waterbury may have to be vaccinated in an effort to check the spread of small pox now prevalent there, in the opinion of Dr. John T. Black, secretary of the state board of health. With 104 cases reported from that city up to today and three additional from a small neighboring town, Dr. Black said the situation had assumed serious proportions.

## CHARGED WITH USING MAILS TO DEFRAUD

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Frank A. Palmer, treasurer of the Golden Star Mining Co. with properties at Boise, Idaho, was arrested by federal officials here today charged with using the mails in a scheme to defraud. The arrest followed an investigation of stock speculation in the local exchange, where the stock of the Golden Star Co. first placed on sale in September at \$1 a share, rose to a high mark of \$1.50 and fell to five cents a share last week. Palmer pleaded not guilty and was held for a hearing later.

INVESTIGATE PRICE OF PAPER  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. A special rule to bring up for immediate consideration the resolution by R. Roosevelt, Legislative Man of Illinois, for an investigation of the increase in the price of print paper will be reported out of the house rules committee immediately after the Christmas holiday recess.

## FELLS TOOK GUN AWAY FROM BAD MAN

Angered over a slight altercation that took place a few days ago and armed with a loaded revolver, John Nowak, a powerfully built young man, walked from his room in a tenement house at 329 Fletcher street last night and threatened to shoot the landlady, his wife and 12-year-old daughter without any further discussion. James Fells, an occupant of a tenement above, heard the loud talking and screaming of the women and went down stairs. When he saw Nowak place his hand on his hip as though to draw the revolver, Fells grabbed him, took the pistol and then reported the matter to Detective James J. Noonan, who made the arrest.

Nowak was arraigned in police court this forenoon charged with unlawfully carrying a pistol. He pleaded guilty, offering as an excuse that he found the weapon on the street while returning from the Christmas holiday recess. Continued to page four

## EXPLAINS SAFE CONDUCT TO COUNT TARNOWSKI

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The circumstances regarding the requests for a safe conduct to Count Adam Tarnowski von Tarnow, the new Austro-Hungarian ambassador to the United States, were explained in the house of commons today by Lord Robert Cecil, minister of blockade.

The first request for a safe conduct, said Lord Robert, was made by the Austro-Hungarian government through Walter Hines Page, the American ambassador. This was refused. Subsequently Ambassador Page informed the foreign office that the United States government desired to receive Count Tarnowski and his suite, and hoped that under these circumstances a safe conduct would be granted.

The British government, Lord Robert added, had no desire to refuse the request and assurance has been given that Count Tarnowski and his suite would not be prevented from landing.

NO NEED OF IT  
There is no excuse for people of Lowell doing their Christmas shopping in Boston. The Lowell stores are filled with Christmas goods which are offered at lowest prices as shown by the advertisements in  
THE SUN  
Lowell's Greatest Newspaper







## TELEPHONE EMPLOYEES LUCKY PEOPLE

As stated in last Saturday's issue of The Sun the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. will distribute to more than 12,000 of its employees the sum of over \$600,000. The distribution will be made a week from tomorrow.

Employees who have been in the service one year or more will receive three weeks' pay. Employees who have been in the service less than one year but not less than three months will receive two weeks' pay. No employee will receive more than \$175 and no employee of less than three months' service and no general official will in any way share in the payments. While in no sense a holiday present, the fact that it comes most unexpectedly at this time of the year makes it a most timely evidence of the continued concern of the company's officers for the welfare of its employees. This distribution to employees, amounting to over \$600,000, was decided by the directors of the New England Telephone and Telegraph company at their meeting in Boston. Naturally, the "voice with the smile" is particularly in evidence among telephone employees, without regard to sex or relative rank.

In connection with this announcement President Spaulding said: "The revenues of the company depend on the rates for service allowed by the commissions, and should provide for all expenses, a fair return to the owners of the property, and a surplus to care for emergencies. Their sufficiency is judged by the results of a period of years, for it is not feasible to be constantly modifying rates on the one hand, and expenses on the other, to meet changes occurring in general business conditions. In this

respect the Telephone company is entirely different from the manufacturer, who from time to time increases or decreases his forces as the demand for his product increases or decreases and changes his wage schedules to conform to changes in the selling price of his goods and changing profit of his business.

"Employment in the Telephone company is practically continuous, and furthermore, a special benefit fund has been created to insure reasonable security of the income of its employees against the emergencies of sickness, accident or death, and to provide a pension for those who have served the company faithfully and grown old in its service. Nevertheless, without trying to pry into the private affairs of our people, we have been impressed with knowledge, gained from many sources, that the present increase in the cost of the necessities of life was seriously discommoding some of our employees.

"We found that this affected no particular employees, or even class of employees, but that the burden of increased expenses was being felt generally by employees receiving \$3000 and less, and especially by such as were heads of families or had others dependent upon them. We desire a high quality service from all, and we desire also the feeling that we are all one big business family and that the welfare of each is the concern of all, and especially is it the concern of those having administrative duties. After gathering such facts as seemed necessary for a definite opinion on the subject, I recommended to our directors the plan which they unanimously adopted today.

"We shall make the payments next week Wednesday. They will represent, not charity, on the one hand nor a raise of wages on the other, but rather, if I can reduce the idea to a phrase, messages of good-will, understanding and appreciation on the part of the officers of the company for efficient and loyal employees in a temporary time of stress."

## FRANCOIS, ON LEAVE, SEES HIMSELF REFLECTED IN PARIS BEAUTY'S HAT



FRANCOIS ON LEAVE SEES HIS HELMET REFLECTED

Of course the war has affected fashions, and the battlefield is reflected in many a martial cloak and hat. Paris knows well how to take the latest development in military garb and give them the touches that adapt them to feminine wear. One such adaptation

is seen in the picture with its original. The French soldier on leave in Paris is confronted with a pretty girl wearing an imitation of his own steel helmet of the latest type. The girl's headgear is not of steel, of course; its material is velvet.

### COUNCIL VOTES \$27,000 Continued

corner of Riverside and Orford streets, and Bunker House, 91 Methuen street.

A formal order on the result of the city election was adopted.

A favorable report was given on the petition of the Lowell Electric Light Corp. for one pole on Jefferson street between Lewis and Market streets and one pole on Plummer avenue between East Merrimack and Andover streets.

#### Fire-Proof Shingles

A communication was received from the board of trade requesting a conference with the municipal council on the matter of adopting an ordinance on fire-proof shingles and the time of the conference was set for 11.15 a. m. The conference was held as scheduled.

Mr. Daniel F. Carroll, chairman of the committee on insurance and fire prevention, said that a sub-committee consisting of Messrs. Gilbert, Weld, and Robertson, had studied the question of fire prevention for several months and had submitted a plan to the municipal council. They in turn referred it to the commissioner of public property and the city solicitor. After a short time the sub-committee received a counter proposal from the municipal council which was not considered an improvement on the original draft.

Mr. Percy F. Gilbert reviewed the action of the sub-committee of the board of trade and the presentation of proposals which were not accepted.

From these recommendations he read the sections which, if adopted, would do away with combustible shingles within the city limits.

Practical builders and business men, he said, had approved the provisions of the recommendations before the committee reported on them.

He read from the recommendations the main sections and then read from the proposals submitted to the board of trade by the municipal council. He said that many of the city's proposals are embodied in the board of trade suggestions. He said that the existing ordinances have been altered only a little in the new propositions of the council, and referred to paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 as an illustration. Mr. Gilbert read from the recommendations of the National Board of Fire Underwriters to show that the body is strongly opposed to the wooden shingle.

"You may think it a hardship," he said, "to demand fire-proof shingles, but after long investigation, I have found that the cost would not be much greater. We do not ask for fire-proof roofs outside of the fire limits, if you can save a roof for 15 minutes you may save the building."

He referred to the conflagration in Jacksonville, Fla.; Bangor, Me.; Chelsea, Mass.; Hot Spring, Ark.; Paris, Tex.; Augusta, Ga. and others where the loss was well into the millions. In Jacksonville, he said, the fire started in the outskirts and was carried by the shingle roofs into the heart of the business district. In Fort Wayne, Tex., the fire had spread in 15 minutes over thousands of buildings. At Wallace, Idaho, the fire started in a forest fire and spread over the shingle roof area. In some cases lighted shingles carried by the wind, set on fire buildings a block ahead.

He read from a long list of cities that have adopted the no-shingle ordinance, including the following cities of Massachusetts: Cambridge, Chelsea, Lawrence, Fall River, Somerville and Salem. The following towns have also adopted it, he said: Arlington, Belmont, Lexington, North Andover, Stoneham, Walpole, Watertown, Nahant and others.

Mr. Gilbert in conclusion asked the council to reconsider its action and told in detail of the types of shingles that are available.

Mayor O'Donnell asked about the period allowed for elimination of wooden shingles, and Mr. Gilbert said that the committee had favored 15 years, but the

board of directors had it changed to read 10 years.

Mr. Gilbert then went into detail in his analysis of the board of trade recommendation, referring specifically to the portion governing repairs.

Mayor O'Donnell asked "what is the length of life of the shingled roof?" and Mr. Gilbert said that it depends largely on quality. Nowadays, he said, it might be safe to give 10 or 15 years as a good average.

Com. Morse told of his experience with shingles, and Com. Donnelly asked if the proposed changes would affect insurance rates. Mr. Church said that he is not in a position to state definitely, but that the matter is in the hands of another board of trade committee.

Chairman Carroll and Mr. Church both stated that there is a definite proposal of a reduction already on record, providing the fireproof shingle is adopted. The reduction would be from a rate of 20 to 15 cents.

Com. Putnam asked Com. Donnelly what he thinks of the ordinance as proposed by the committee and he answered that he thinks of it more favorably than at the last hearing.

The mayor said that if the city solicitor reports favorably on the proposed ordinance he will vote for its adoption, and Com. Putnam said that he thinks all members of the municipal council are in favor of it.

City Solicitor Varnum expressed his doubt as to the legality of extending the ordinance to the city limits in the country districts, and he said that it would be safer in a legal sense to restrict the ordinance to the fire district or else extend the fire district to meet the principle of the ordinance.

Mr. Carroll said there is already a veto law which would give the city the right to banish the wooden shingle.

Mayor O'Donnell moved that the ordinance of the board of trade committee be referred to the city solicitor and it was so carried.

Com. Donnelly asked for the approval of the council for an agreement with Architects Davis and Stickney relative to changes to the new Bartlett school.

Mayor O'Donnell said that under the law a contract cannot be entered into until the appropriations have been made and Com. Donnelly was asked to consult with Messrs. Davis and Stickney before the council takes action.

Com. Putnam again brought up the matter of purchasing a chassis for \$3500, and it was laid over until tomorrow's meeting.

#### Order of Seizure

Mr. Morse moved an order for the appropriation of \$20,000 for the seizing of land for park purposes on the southerly side of Varnum avenue above Pawtucket bridge, and it was carried unanimously.

Com. Donnelly introduced an order for the appropriation of \$5000 for the purchase of the Chambers street playground by the city. He read a letter from the park commission approving of the purchase, providing that it could be made at a reasonable figure. He also read a letter from Mr. Merrill, representing Mrs. Merrill, the owner of the land, offering it to the city for \$5075.55. The order was passed unanimously.

## COAL IN SCHOOL BASEMENT ON FIRE

A fire started in a pile of about 60 tons of bituminous coal in the basement of the Greenhaugh grammar school in Ennill street late yesterday afternoon.



## "It's From Peltier's"

The recipient of a gift feels the tacit compliment expressed by the sender when the remembrance comes from PELTIER'S.

## Christmas Gift Suggestions

### FOR WOMEN

Rings, Diamonds, Bar Pins, Hamilton Bracelet Watches, Bracelets, Pendants and Chains, Manicure and Toilet Sets, Gold and Silver Mesh Bags, Watches, Brooches, Umbrellas, etc.

### FOR MEN

Scarf Pins, Rings, Full Dress Sets, Cigarette Cases, Cuff Links, Smokers' Accessories, Gold and Silver Belt Buckles, Chains, Charms, Lodge Emblems, Gold Pencils, Knives, Fobs, Shaving Sets, etc.

## Peltier's Jewelry Shop

443 MERRIMACK ST.

MAJESTIC BUILDING

## CITY OF EVANSVILLE FIGHTING THE H.C. OF L.

Mayor Benjamin F. Bosse of Evansville, Ind., is not waiting for congressional investigations to reduce the high cost of living. He expects to do it himself by putting the municipality into the produce business.

Bosse was in Chicago recently con-



MAYOR B. F. BOSSE

tracting with wholesalers for carload lots of potatoes and other food products to sell to the public direct from the cars, thus eliminating the middleman's profit.

By this means he hopes to educate the Evansville retail dealers in foodstuffs to a new system of doing business that will save money for both the public and themselves. He has let a contract for the erection of a municipal market building, in which his plan will be continued.

The foodstuffs that Mayor Bosse buys will be sold to Evansville consumers at cost plus the freight charge. The cost of handling them in Evansville will be negligible. Mayor Bosse says, since there will be no delivery except of large purchases. A small additional charge will be made to purchasers who require delivery. Mayor Bosse hopes to educate the public to the idea of doing the buying of foodstuffs on a cash basis and carrying the goods home.

and all last night a dozen men including janitors and members of the local fire department were kept busy shoveling the coal from the basement into the school yard.

Inasmuch as the basement is a very deep one it was necessary to construct two platforms, the shovellers passing the coal from the basement to the first platform while another crew shoveled

### GIFT SUGGESTIONS

New Line of

## Famous Ulster Pocket Knives

25c to \$4.00

200 Styles to Select From

## PRINCE'S

106-108 Merrimack Street.

## A Chair Gift

Cane seat and back wing chairs in oak and mahogany woods, \$13.50 to \$17.00 each, and in the rockers to match. This would be a choice holiday gift.

## ADAMS & CO.

Furniture—Rugs—Shades 174 Central St.

### FOR TYING-UP CHRISTMAS PACKAGES

Sea Island Twine, in Red and Green shades, ball	8c
Gold and Silver Tinsel Cord, spools of 10 yards	10c
Raffia, in Christmas shades, bunch	10c
Red and Green Tissue Paper, sheets	3c and 5c
Fine White Tissue Paper, quire	14c
Xmas Cards, Seals and Tags, packages	10c
Passes Partout Binding, Red, Green, Gold, rolls	10c, 15c

Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday Nights This Week.

## C. B. COBURN CO.

Free City Motor Delivery  
63 Market Street

from the first to the second and the third crew passed the coal from the second platform to the yard.

The presence of a fire was not discovered until late yesterday afternoon when an excessive heat from the basement caused those present to believe that there was a fire in the coal. Presumably the fire was caused by spontaneous combustion and had probably been burning for some time.

Several city carpenters were summoned and in a very short time they had rigged up two stagings and the work of shoveling started.

Besides the janitors who were working as coal passers were members of Home 12 and Truck 4 who kept at the

job until about four o'clock this morning when they were relieved by firemen from the protective, Hose 8 and Engine 5.

During the night Dr. John H. Lambert, chairman of the school board; William F. Thornton, chief attendance officer and Henry L. Williams, attendance officer and agent of school supplies, were present.

IN BOSTON

The Sun is on sale every day at 100th news stands of the Union station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

Store Closed Tonight—Open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday Nights.

## LADIES, LISTEN!

HERE'S A WONDERFUL COAT OPPORTUNITY FOR 53 LADIES—FOR THERE ARE JUST 53 COATS IN THE LOT.

We received yesterday 53 Winter Coats from the Wooltex factory and the entire lot went on sale this morning as follows:

\$40 to \$50	\$30 to \$35	\$25.00
WOOLTEX COATS	WOOLTEX COATS	WOOLTEX COATS
<b>\$27.50</b>	<b>\$21.50</b>	<b>\$15.75</b>

A wide range of models to select from, many of them copies of imported models from famous European designers. If you haven't purchased your winter coat yet this is your opportunity to get one of the finest garments made at the price of the ordinary kind—and please remember these garments are Wooltex, guaranteed just as though you paid the full price.

## Merrimack Clothing Co.

ACROSS FROM CITY HALL.

"HOW ABOUT IT?" "ABOUT WHAT?" "YOUR TEETH, OF COURSE."

Teeth treated, filled and extracted painlessly by our

### Dental Ease Method

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FOOT VALVES, STRAINERS, ETC.

PIPE FITTINGS AND VALVES

## WELCH BROS. CO.

71 MIDDLE STREET

### Decorate for Christmas

We wish to announce that our Greenhouses are all filled with Cut Flowers, Potted Plants, Ferns, Wreaths and everything in greenery, and we will be pleased to have you call or to telephone or send postal to

## MARSHALL AVE. GREENHOUSES

JOHN E. MEMENMAN, Prop.

Take Highland car. All orders promptly attended to. Prices all very reasonable.

If you desire, call at our store at 212 Merrimack St., up one flight, Wier Building. Wreaths from 15 cents up.



# MELLEN SAYS B. & M. HAD ENOUGH CREDIT TO PAY OBLIGATIONS AUG. 22

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—The Boston & Maine railroad, in the opinion of its former president, Charles S. Mellen, was in command of sufficient credit to pay its obligations on Aug. 22 last when the directors consented to receivership proceedings.

Mr. Mellen so testified today at the hearing here to decide whether the Boston & Maine should be returned to the stockholders for management, or continued in receivership under direction of the federal court.

Mr. Mellen expressed himself as sanguine for the future of the property. "I believe the Boston & Maine capable of maintaining through thick and thin dividends of 5 per cent on its common stock," he said. "This stock out to be, and I believe it will be worth \$125 a share." Quotations on the local exchange today were at \$11.

It was unnecessary in the opinion of

ated in a week or ten days. He had no doubt it could borrow enough money to meet current obligations. This could not be done over night, he thought, but could be done within the time he stated.

The capitalization of the Boston & Maine, the witness asserted, is less than the money put into it, and still less than its actual value.

An annual \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000 would be required immediately in his opinion to keep the road in proper condition.

Asked by counsel of the road for his views regarding a plan for successful reorganization, Mr. Mellen replied that "men who reorganize railroads usually get a pretty good fee, and I must say here I have not been retained."

This completed Mr. Mellen's testimony.

## 14 BURNED AND SCALDED BY EXPLOSION

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Fourteen employees at the Lincoln wharf power station of the Boston Elevated Railway Co. were burned and scalded, one seriously by escaping steam from a 400-horsepower generator when a cylinder head blew out today. The explosion was near the police station under which a dynamite bomb was exploded Sunday and neighbors at first thought there had been another bomb outrage.

## SEEKS FACTS ON SINKING OF PALERMO

ROME, Dec. 18, via Paris.—The American ambassador, Thomas N. Page, is gathering evidence from the twenty-five American hostlers on board the Italian steamship Palermo which recently was torpedoed and sank off the Spanish coast. This evidence tends to show that the steamship was sunk without warning and without having attempted to escape.

## 22 RACING HORSES SOLD FOR \$11,605

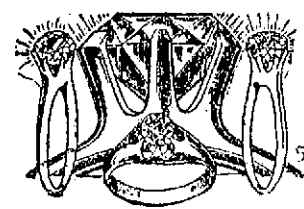
CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Returns today from the first day's auction sale of broodmares and pacers at the Union Stock yards show 22 horses brought a total of \$11,605 or an average of \$527 each.

The Lark, (2584) five year old trotting mare, by Carlskin-Subito went to a representative of C. K. G. Billings of New York for \$1500, the highest price of the day.

The sale will continue for five days and consignments of horses from various parts of the country are to be entered.

## CAPT. KOENIG OF DEUTSCHLAND EXONERATED

NEW LONDON, Conn., Dec. 19.—A mistaken bell signal given by Captain John H. Gurney of the tug T. A. Scott, Jan. when that vessel and the German submarine Deutschland were drawing close together in the satellite waters of Race Point, in Long Island sound, was responsible for the collision between the two vessels on Nov. 12, which resulted in the loss of the tug and its crew, according to the finding of the federal steamboat inspector, made public today. Captain Karl Koenig of the Deutschland is exonerated from blame.



## DIAMONDS

—AND—  
Diamond Combinations  
\$10 to \$350  
OUR STOCK IS SUPERB

## GEO. H. WOOD

135 CENTRAL STREET

## EX-CONG. JOHN R. THAYER DIED TODAY

WORCESTER, Dec. 19.—Ex-Congressman John R. Thayer died today from a general breakdown. He was 71 years old and for fifty years had been prominent in democratic politics in Massachusetts, serving terms in the state house of representatives and senate. He was elected to congress from a strong republican district, the third Massachusetts, in 1875 and served three terms. He was a graduate of Yale in 1859. He was associated in law practice with Chief Justice Arthur B. Rugge of the Massachusetts supreme court under the name of Thayer & Rugge until the latter was appointed to the bench.

## HEAVY LOADS STALLED ON CROSSINGS

The pullers on corners were very hard on horses in the center of the city today. A two-horse sled loaded with coal and owned by the Horse Coal Co. got stuck at the corner of Merrimack and Prescott streets this morning. One of the horses fell down and cut its leg, but was not badly injured. A team also belonging to the Horse Coal Co. became stalled on the tracks near Tower's corner about 8 o'clock this morning just as the day shift of policemen was going out. About 10 of the bluecoats put their hands to the sled and it was sent on its way again.

## AMERICAN MINISTER RETIRES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Thaddeus A. Thompson, retiring American minister to Colombia, today closed up his business with the state department and left for his home in Texas.

Mr. Thompson's resignation was accepted several months ago on account of his wife's precarious health.

## CHIEF ENGINEER CALVERT DEAD

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 19.—T. B. Calvert, chief engineer of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad system, died at his country home near here today.

## PROBATE COURT SESSIONS

Two probate court sessions were held in this city this morning. Justice Lathrop presided over the session for uncontested cases, while Justice McIntire occupied the bench at the session for contested cases.

The case of Ada Fanning vs. her husband, Edwin Fanning, a petition to establish the fact that the wife is living apart from her husband in good faith, was heard by Justice McIntire. Mrs. Fanning was represented by Francis W. Quinn, while Mr. Fanning's interests were looked after by William H. Wilson. Mrs. Fanning claimed that she was not living apart from her husband in good faith, and she lived with him until Oct. 9, 1915. She said Mr. Fanning is superstitious, a satirist of \$1200 a year. She said on Oct. 9 she went to Mr. Wilson's office and there was asked to sign an agreement of separation, which she did. She said she lived with her husband after that, but later changed her mind and received the money. She has

## Prof. Marzaban

will give a \$1000 reading for low at 10 o'clock, 121 Merrimack street, Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 20th, from 1 to 5 p.m., for ladies only. Special prices. Will tell you name or will answer any questions.

OPEN TONIGHT UNTIL 9 P. M.—CLOSED TOMORROW 12.30 P. M.

# Wednesday Steak Day

Visit our store tomorrow, look over the big window display of steaks, note the heavy grade of beef cut from Corn-Feed Western Steers. Then compare our prices with the figures you are forced to pay elsewhere, and the result will prove that Saunders' Market can sell meats from 5 to 7 cents per pound less than any other store in Lowell.

No telephone orders taken, and no Steaks delivered at the price given in this advertisement.

<b>Rump Steak</b>	FANCY LONG CUTS.....22c
<b>Sirloin Steak</b>	VERY BEST LONG CUTS, No High-er Price, Lb.....25c
<b>ROUND STEAK</b>	SHORT CUTS RUMP, Lb.....30c
<b>VEIN STEAK</b>	CHOICE CUTS, FANCY GRADE, Lb.....16c
	VERY BEST CUTS. No Higher Price, Lb.....23c
	20c CUTS BOTTOM ROUND, Lb.....15c
	ROUND CUT THROUGH, Lb.....17c
	28c CUT TOP ROUND, Lb.....23c
	JUST A MOMENT Where can you match this price in Lowell? Lb.....20c
VEAL STEAK, Lb.....17c	HAMBURG, Lb.....10c
PORK STEAK, Lb.....15c	

BUTTER	Musketeer Flour	24 1/2 lb. bag.....\$1.15	EGGS
Pound 37c		38 lb. Cotton.....\$4.38	Doz. 34c
		Bbl. in wood.....\$9.00	
PINK SALMON, Can.....10	STRING BEANS, Can.....7c	SUGAR CORN, Can.....10c	

formed the court she has not received any support from her husband since that time. The case was taken under advisement.

**Wills and Administrations**  
The following wills were allowed at the session for uncontested cases: Margaret Keyes, Lowell; Annie Doyle, Lowell; John Keating, Lowell; James Nelson, Lowell; and Mary E. Provost, Lowell.

The administrations granted were as follows: William H. Blouven, Lowell; and Wilfrid Greiner, Lowell.

## DEATHS

**HARRIS**—Viola, aged 2 years and 6 months, died last evening at the home of the parents, Mark and Helen Harris, 161 Ludlum street. Burial took place this morning in St. Joseph's cemetery under the direction of Undertakers Joseph Albert & Son.

**DEAUBEGARD**—Ernest, aged one month and nineteen days, died today at the home of the parents, Ludwig and Esther Deaubegard, 715 Lakeview avenue.

**HOOPER**—George L. Hooper, a well known real estate man, died this morning at his home, 7 Belmont st. Funeral notice later.

**GOODWIN**—William J. Goodwin, aged 25 years, died this morning at his home, 105 School street. He leaves his wife, Alice A., his mother, Mrs. John Arbon, son, William, Mrs. C. J. Goodwin, and Miss Katherine Goodwin. Funeral notice later.

**AUSTIN**—Mrs. Nellie L. Austin, died this morning at 488 Bridge street, aged 65 years and four months. The body was taken to the chapel of C. H. Melby Sons in Market street. Deceased is survived by one son, Fred, of Lowell, and two brothers, Lorenzo Frost of Haverhill, and Charles E. Frost of Sidney, Maine. She was a member of the B. F. Butler Relief corps.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We are under great obligations to thank all our friends and neighbors for the kindness shown to us during the long illness and death of our dear husband and father, also for the floral and spiritual bouquets, especially the Lowell fire department.

Mrs. Erastus Legene and family.

## FUNERALS

**ROY**—The funeral of Charles Roy took place this morning from the home of his father-in-law, Eugene Carochelle, 165 Ludlum street. High mass of requiem was celebrated at St. Louis church at 10 o'clock by Rev. J. B. Labrecque. The bearers were Frank Howard, J. N. Dupont, Edouard Richard, Bert Emend, Ludger Bernier and Alfred A. Roy. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery, where the committal prayers were read by Rev. R. Labrecque. Funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertakers Austin Archambault & Son.

**SLIGHT BLAZE EXTINGUISHED**  
Engine 3 of the central fire station in Palmer street responded to a telephone alarm for a slight blaze in a closet on the top floor of the Associated building at 415 School street yesterday afternoon. The fire started in some rags and other material which was stored in the place but was extinguished before any serious damage was done.

**A LIVE DISPLAY**  
They're all live ones—those turkey gobblers which have gobbled their way from the distant hills of Vermont-New England's Turkeyland—to Saunders' Market, where in one of the windows of that market they strut and bow to the admiring multitude. The waterfowl of purchase (to be of their kind) are the only live turkeys in the window are but specimens of the hundreds of others which are inside the market and are daily being ordered to grace the festive board of many a family on Christmas day.

**BILLERICA NEWS**  
Herbert King Will Not Be Candidate Again For Town Clerk and Treasurer

Herbert King, for more than 20 years town clerk and treasurer of Billerica, stated last evening before the selectmen and members of that town that he would not be a candidate for any office at the next election. This came like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky as Mr. King has been prominent in politics all these years and never said anything to indicate that he would drop out until last evening. His

only reason for the statement is that he believes that 21 years is sufficient for a man to hold an office. During the past few years Mr. King has been opposed for election by some of the younger residents of the town but always won both offices by a wide margin. It is safe to assume that there will be more than one candidate for each office at the 1917 election.

## FELLS TOOK GUN

Continued  
turning from work a few hours before he was arrested last night. After hearing the story connected with the case, Judge Knight committed the man to jail for three months.

Alvin Ropa, who resides at 325 Fletcher street, said that Nowak has boarded with him for some time. A short time ago the defendant displayed a revolver and as Ropa did not have a liking for such weapons in the possession of his boarders, he ordered Nowak to find a new place to hang his hat. All went along quietly until last night when the young man flashed the revolver in Ropa's face, stating that he would shoot him and his family. The witness' daughter, Catherine, corroborated this testimony.

A struggle followed which attracted James Fells from his home on the next night. Mr. Fells saw down stairs but decided that he would not mix up in any family difficulties and stood outside the door until he heard the crash of a falling lamp. Then the door opened and the two men were grappling with each other. Fells separated them but after doing so he saw Nowak reaching for the gun in his pocket. Fells jumped on the man and took the weapon from him before any damage was done.

Defendant, who at first denied the story, had an explanation after listening to the three witnesses presented by the State. "When you carry revolvers in this community they reap the benefit of the law," remarked the court in imposing the sentence.

## Another Bad Man

Charles Tessier is alleged to have used a different method but one almost as dangerous. Charles pleaded guilty to drunkenness and admitted being out on bail on a similar charge now pending in the superior court. Patrolman Lemay told the court that he was called to Tessier's house last evening where the defendant was charged to be holding up his family with a broad knife. Tessier didn't remember anything about this. He was held in 3300 until Thursday.

Sadness Bassum and Julia Goding, the latter a married woman, were accused of a similar offense. They were arrested early Sunday morning in a room at the corner of Lawrence and Tyler streets. They pleaded not guilty but after hearing the testimony of Special Officer Moore and Patrolman Goding the court found both guilty. The man was ordered to pay a fine of \$20. The woman, who has a small child which she supports, was given a suspended sentence to the reformatory at Sherborn.

**Larceny of Newspapers**  
The larceny of newspapers from stands in front of small stores is becoming quite a nuisance, according to Sergeant Bigelow who is on street duty early mornings. As a result he is keeping a close watch on certain spots and early this morning arrested James A. Grim, who pleaded guilty to a complaint of larceny of a paper from Louis Zuker. Grim was not ready for trial and the case was continued until tomorrow.

Joseph Therrier of Church street was charged with assault and battery on Mabel Bartlett, an eight year old girl. Therrier was arrested in Billerica yesterday afternoon by Inspector Walsh and Officer O'Brien of North Billerica. He pleaded not guilty and the case was continued until Saturday, bail being fixed at \$500.

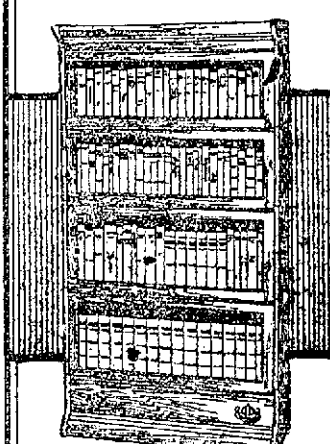
## Drunkness and Larceny

Drunkness and larceny of a watch valued at seven dollars and a chain valued at one dollar from James Pollard, were the charges preferred against Thomas F. Murray. His case was continued until tomorrow.

## KITCHEN GIRL wanted at once.

Address 60 St.

## A Christmas Gift Within Your Reach



A Gunn Sectional Bookcase can be started with one section and added to as required. Four sections make a complete bookcase. Then you can buy one Desk Section and you have a Bookcase and Desk combined. You want the best, and the best are the Gunn Sectional Bookcases.

Come in and let us show you what they excel.

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Let us fill that Green Stamp Book for you and get a nice premium for Christmas.



68 MERRIMACK STREET

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—AT—  
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You all know what our stock consists of—all of the very best—with the following salespeople to attend to your wants. Call the one you wish to serve you by the number.

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| 2—MISS EDNA LIVINGSTON   | 16—TEDDY STAPLETON           |
| 4—MISS MARION DOUGHERTY  | 17—MRS. WILLIAM ROBBINS      |
| 5—MISS NODIE DONOHUE     | 18—MISS MARGARET MCCANN      |
| 6—MR. PHILIP MCKENNA     | 19—MR. ALFRED FLETCHER       |
| 7—MISS GRACE PERLEY      | 20—MR. JOSEPH JASPER         |
| 9—MR. THOMAS F. QUEALLY  | 21—MISS E. B. COURNOYER      |
| 10—MR. JOHN F. STAPLETON | 22—MISS MARGUERITE DOUGHERTY |
| 11—MISS GRACE E. CHAPIN  | 24—MISS RUTH GEGENHEIMER     |
| 12—MR. ARTHUR P. HAYDEN  | 25—MR. H. W. HALL            |
| 14—MR. H. W. DEXTER      | 26—MISS STELLA CARKIN        |
| 15—MISS MADELINE DORAN   | 27—MISS EVA HARRIMAN         |
|                          | 28—MISS ANNIE MCCARTIN       |

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

Remember that Ricard's stores are headquarters for Xmas Gifts of CUT GLASS, STATUARY, RELIGIOUS GOODS, PENDANTS, RINGS, CLOCKS, WATCHES, TOILET, MANICURE, SHAVING and SMOKING SETS, etc., etc.

## Ricard's Gift Shops

123 Central St. 636 Merrimack St.





## AN INTERESTING LETTER FROM CANAL ZONE

Miss Regina M. Berger, daughter of Mrs. Addie Dumas of 820 Merrimack street who is now in the service of Uncle Sam in the Panama canal zone as a nurse, has written an interesting letter to The Sun. The young woman who is a graduate of the State Infirmary in Tewksbury, took a civil service examination in the early part of the year and few months ago she received an appointment to the canal zone. She is now performing the duties of a nurse at the Corozal hospital, Corozal, Canal Zone, and expects to come to Lowell next June, at which time she will be given her annual vacation.

Miss Berger in her letter states the climate in the Canal Zone is ideal. It is not in the middle of the day, but cool after 4 p. m. "The evenings," she says, "are cool, beautifully cool, like an evening in early June in New England. Heat prostrations are unknown. Health conditions among the white people are very good. The prevailing diseases are malaria and typhoid. We haven't had a yellow fever case since construction days, the last being in 1912, and this was shortly after the arrival of a So. American ship. We have now two cases of small pox at Abnera hospital, the patients being a man who recently came from So. America, and a child in the family with which he was living. As a result of the two cases all hospital employees including members of the medical and nursing staffs had to be vaccinated, while all the patients of the institution were also given the antitoxin. People living in the Canal Zone are mostly white. Corozal is an army post and there are very few civilians. There is a number of colored people employed here and that is why it is called the Black and White zone. In Panama we have the Panamanians or "Spiks" or "Spigotes" as they are called. They are of Spanish descent, but not real Spaniards, for the Spaniards of long ago and the colored people have intermarried a great deal and this is why we find very few white Panamanians. It would be hard to tell

what the occupation of these people is as they don't seem to have anything particular to do.

"In Corozal there are numerous small stores, where one can buy laces, hats, dress goods, jewelry, shoes and other things. There are also curiosity shops, postal card stands, restaurants and saloons. In the latter places one can buy anything from liquor to a pair of shoes. The white people trade at the commissaries and the Chinese and Japanese shops, where they can purchase almost anything to be found in a large department store.

"The languages spoken here are English, Spanish and a little French, the latter being spoken by former residents of the Isle of Martinique.

"We are now in the latter part of the rainy season and I am not sorry it is coming for it rains every day and sometimes from morning till night. I am informed that the rainy season will be over by Jan. 1, and then we will have five months with very little rain. I have taken several snap shots in this district but I find it very hard to take the films developed. I suppose the Lowell people are getting ready for Christmas and that the cold weather has struck you. If Santa Claus comes to this country he will have to use an aeroplane for he cannot ride here in his sleigh, snow being very scarce." Miss Berger, who counts a host of friends in this city wishes to be remembered to all. Accompanying her letter, which by the way, was sent Dec. 7, and which reached here yesterday, were several copies of the "Star and Herald," a daily newspaper, published at Panama, R. I., and which contains an editorial on "Billy" Sunday, as well as Briggs' sketches on Kelley Pool.

### MARRIAGE INTENTIONS

The following marriage intentions have been filed at the city clerk's office since the last were published:

Mohammed Eldeb, 4 Bay State court, 23, operative; Sadie Anton, 7 Bay State court, 21, operative.  
Artemus B. Woodworth, Jr., 30 Belmont, 10, manufacturer; Isabella A. Ward, Peabody, 45, at home.  
Lucien Bourassa, 42 Beaver, 21, machinist; Georgianna Pitts, 115 Dalton, 18, inspector.  
Arthur Marcolinelli, 7 Salem, 23, box-maker; Alma Roy, 5 Salem, 21, hostess.  
William Bacon, 101 Cabot, 42, team-

## FELT LIKE A NEW PERSON

After Taking Only One Box of  
"Fruit-a-lives"

EAST SHIP HARBOR,

"It is with great pleasure that I write to tell you of the wonderful benefits I have received from taking 'Fruit-a-lives'. For years, I was a dreadful sufferer from Constipation and Headaches, and I was miserable in every way. Nothing in the way of medicines seemed to help me. Then I finally tried 'Fruit-a-lives' and the effect was splendid. After taking one box, I feel like a new person, to have relief from those sickening Headaches."

Mrs. MARTHA DEWOLFE.

50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At all dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-lives Limited, Ogdensburg, N. Y.

ster; Josephine Derval (widowed), 101 Cabot, 49, weaver.

Marinel F. Gomes, 288 Middlesex, 21, operative; Marie de Souza Philippe, 238 Middlesex, 17, operative.

Damaso Pelletier (widowed), 28 Warren, 47, carpenter; Olivia Demarteau, 102 Congress, 43, at home.

George Albion Bellefleur, 104 Congress, 21, shoe worker; Eugenie Doucette, 1 Watson ave., 26, formerly.

Alfred L. Paquin, 541, Moody, 25, stationary engineer; Bertha Leclair, 26 Ford, 21, operative.

Francis X. Allard, 15 Dutton, 19, laborer; Josephine Landry, 654 Merrimack, 17, operative.

Everett L. Whitlock (widowed), 34 Elliott, 41, operative; Florence Quimby (widowed), 23 Dutton, 43, housework.

Bertram H. Roberts, 76 Ash, 28, engineer; Dorothy R. Noyes, 284 Worthen, 18, hostess.

Jack Bernstein, 85 Railroad, 23, shoemaker; Annie Zapolsky, 121 Myrtle, 22, operative.

Ernest Turner, 32 Concord, 24, clerk; Anna McQuade (widowed), 63 French, 23, waitress.

Harvey Marchand, Chelmsford, 20, machinist; Victoria Lamoureux, 264 W. Sixth, 20, hostess.

Archille Hamel, 15 Cabot, 25, operative; Marie A. Gauthier, 235 Ludlum, 25, operative.

Elphège Chicoine, 812 Merrimack, 13, carpenter; Alice Decosse, 130 Coburn, 21, operative.

Abe Sandler, Chelsea, 28, expressman; Yetta Cohen, 192 Chelmsford, 20, seamstress.

Duncan N. Bethune (widowed), 173 Middlesex, 47, operative; Julia Posa (widowed), same address, 44, operative.

Arthur E. Field, 92 Shaw, 25, clerk; Bertha I. Roach, 68 Powell, 13, clerk.

Ernest Nelson, 470 Rogers, 35, designer; Mary Johnston, 48 Beech, 23, bookkeeper.

Israel Faubert, Salem, 23, machinist; Marie Emma St. Ives, 546 Middlesex, 21, cotton mill.

John Harron, 19 Exchange place, 23, brakeman; Mary Burbank, 356 Lincoln, 18, shoe shop.

Andreas Lampropoulos, 340 Market, 23, operative; Zaffire Eilla Koungia, 85 Dummer, 25, operative.

Robert Myron, 22 Pine Hill, 31, cook; Mary E. Keefe, 270 Thorndike, 23, waitress.

Anable Duval, 544 Moody, 26, machinist; Marie Eliza Baron, 34 Gardner avenue, 24, window.

Jeremiah P. McMahon, 2 rear 19 So.

Whipple, 22, gasfitter; Annie Queenan, 120 Fayette, 22, window.

Andrew E. Hamilton, 130 Salem, 23, laborer; John J. Wright, Chelmsford, 23, U. S. Cartridge Co.

Ovide J. Houle, 135 Salem, 18, teamster; Della Lemelin, 18 Ford, 17, hostess.

John J. Hickory, 131 Broadway, 23, horsehoe; Rose Mulholland, 336 Broadway, 24, operative.

Louis D. St. Louis, 157 Perkins, 22, locomotive; Mary Tanguay, 130 Aiken, 22, hostess.

Joao Affonso Pires, 250 Middlesex, 24, operative; Virginia da Encarnacao Soares, 2 Middlesex, 22, operative.

Otis J. Harlow, 26 Prescott, 27, conductor; Evelyn Hamm, 267 Appleton, 21, at home.

Henri Lamontagne, 55 West Fourth, 26, auto repairer; Agnes Hanley, 55 West, 23, spooler.

Joao Fernandes, 108 Prince, 22, operative; Justina G. Teixeira, 53 Prince, 20, operative.

Manuel Silva, 5 Molloy's court, 24, Saunders' market; Maria S. Silva, 25 Lincoln, 19, operative.

Athenasias Politis, 3 Little, 27, operative; Theodora Ella Krosari, 119 Dummer, 17, operative.

George A. Barnard, 2 Maple place, 32, clerk; Harriet R. Macomber (divorced), 187 Mammoth road, 38, at home.

Carlo Bertoglio, 23 Queen, 28, laborer; Palmyre Moreau, 5 Smith, 25, weaver.

John J. Boyle, 12 Daly, 19, laborer; Mildred E. Sanville, same address, 16, operative.

Mark E. Gleason, 5 Ellis court, 27, trainman; Mary A. Purcell, 262 School, 24, at home.

Vere L. Sharp, Chelmsford, 24, automobile; Anna Wilson, 44 Whipple, 22, at home.

Albert Michelle, 42 Bishop, 30, iron moulder; Mary A. McNally (divorced), same address, 30, warden spinner.

Patrick Keane, 135 Cross, 29, baker; Mary Fleming, 130 Cross, 19, at home.

FIFTY SALOONS CLOSED IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 19.—The lid was clapped on Portland at 10 o'clock last night, and today the city is dry as the sands of Sahara.

The announcement came like a thunderclap.

Fifty bars have been open all this year, in addition to the many clandestine places which always spring up like mushrooms in an open season.

Strangely enough, both the police and special officer department deny all knowledge of the sudden closing. There was no inkling of it given out to the general public, and, as usual, the bars were lined with thirsty patrons up to the usual closing time of 10, when the bartenders bid their customers "Good-bye," and said, "It's no use to come back tomorrow, boys; everything's off."

It was supposed that everything would be wide open until Jan. 1, when Sheriff-elect King F. Graham, acknowledged ramrod, takes the reins of office. It was surmised last night that the liquor dealers, on account of recent scares, had met and decided to close of their own volition.

It's the biggest surprise of the kind dealt out in years and the news spreading like wildfire caused a bigger sensation than if the city had been attacked by a hostile fleet.

MRS. CARPENTER GETS CUSTODY OF HER SON

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Little Ralph Carpenter, Jr., innocent figure in the domestic difficulties of Major Ralph G. Carpenter of Wolfboro, N. H., and his wife, will spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Marguerite Paul Carpenter of Boston. Judge Kivel of the New Hampshire superior court yesterday decreed that the mother shall have temporary custody of the boy until Jan. 21.

The son, now nearly 10 years old, has been living in his paternal grandparents' home at Wolfboro since September, 1915, when his mother claims, he was kidnapped from her by his father at Megalloway, N. H., where he cannot take her son out of the state of New Hampshire, the confines of the court's jurisdiction, however.

She cannot bring him to her home in Boston. Judge Kivel's decree imposes the condition that the mother shall make her home at the Eagle hotel, Concord, N. H., or at the Locomotion Tavern, Laconia, N. H., while the boy is in her custody. He also specifies that the boy's father shall have the right to visit his son at any time. The major is ordered to pay the expenses of his wife and child while they are together.

NO BRITISH REPLY TO DUTCH NOTE ON MAILS

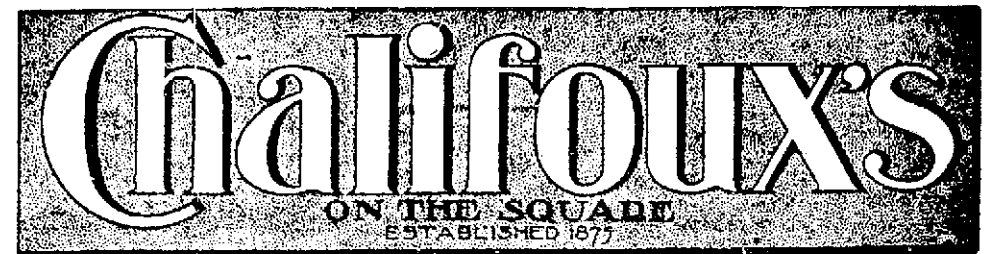
LONDON, Dec. 19.—A Reuter despatch from The Hague says that replying to a committee report on estimates of foreign affairs in 1916, the British government said that the British government had not replied to the Dutch note of April 11, regarding the seizure of mails. He said that in reply to a Dutch protest in November, Great Britain had declared her readiness to come to an understanding similar to that reached with the United States by which universities and public bodies in overseas countries might obtain German scientific and technical publications, this arrangement including certain private persons.

Regarding the torpedoing of the Taubenschlag, the minister said he was unable to adduce facts to contradict the positive declaration of the German admiralty that the German government was not ready to submit the case to an international committee. In respect to the sinking of the Bloemerdijk, questioners were referred to an Orange book which will be published shortly.

The Dutch steamer Palembang was lost in March, 1916, and was unofficially reported to have been torpedoed while lying alongside a British destroyer engaged in picking up mines. In reply to inquiries from the Dutch government, the German admiralty declared that no ship belonging to the German navy was near the spot where the Palembang went down at the time. The freighter Bloemerdijk was one of the ships sunk off Nantucket in the raid on shipping on this side of the Atlantic by the U. S. S. The Bloemerdijk carried grain, coal, and other cargo. In reply to a protest from The Hague the German government offered to pay for the ship and grain, leaving the question of the remainder of the cargo to a German prize court.

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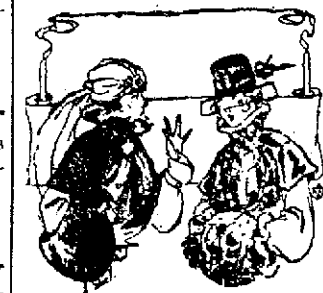
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French Coney and Opossum Muffs and Scarfs—Priced

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Can help you with your Christmas shopping. Ivory Goods, Perfumes, Toilet Waters, Sachet Powder, Mirrors, Military Brushes, etc.

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## FAIR GROUNDS WANTED FOR PLAYGROUND

An adjourned meeting of the municipal council was held last evening and a hearing was given the members of the Gorham Street Improvement association on their petition asking that the Fair grounds in Gorham street be purchased by the city and converted into a playground for the many children of the district. There were over 50 members present and several spoke in favor of the project. At the close of the speaking a rising vote was taken in favor of the petition and all present stood up to a man.

## DON'T SUFFER WITH NEURALGIA

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When those sharp pains go shooting through your head, when your skull seems as if it would split, just rub a little Musterole on the temples and neck. It draws out the inflammation, soothes away the pain, usually giving quick relief.



J. Joseph Hennessy, Esq., spoke as a representative of the association. He said the project is not a land scheme, and although it is sectional, the same may be said about Fort Hill park, the North and South commons. "Every foot of the Fair grounds is hallowed ground," continued Mr. Hennessy. "The men of the Acra, the men of every section trained for their duties for the Civil war at old Camp Chase, now known as the Fair grounds. Constantly we hear regrets expressed that certain pieces of property have not been purchased. We hear men say that it is a pity the land just beyond the Memorial building in Merrimack street was not bought by the city a few years ago. The price was \$20,000. Now it could not be bought for \$100,000."

"And the same is true of many other places. But let us not make the mistake too many times. We now have the opportunity to get the old Fair grounds, and there is not the suspicion that any man who has signed this petition has any other than a perfectly honest interest in this proposition."

Much thought is being given nowadays to the development of sturdy, healthy bodies in the young. It has become a great cry, and it is well so. We are bound to develop further in this city. We are going to grow in the coming years. We must understand the situation here. There are many demands upon you. Some want White Ways, some want paved streets, and so on. But, 20 years hence, let it not be said that we let this opportunity go by to purchase and preserve this historic lot of land. It is not a costly project. If it cannot be bought cheaply, it may be seized by the right of eminent domain at a fair price."

Hon. James B. Casey was next introduced and he said the fact that so many men were present at the hearing was evidence enough that they want a playground. There are over 2000 children in the district without playgrounds, and they are entitled to recognition and protection. "I would suggest," he said, "that the council direct the commissioner under whose department this project comes, to inquire and to ascertain the cost of the proposition. We ask you to consider the entire Fair grounds, but leave to your judgment how much of this large tract of land is needed for the children."

John W. Daly was next called upon and said Lowell like other cities

## BARONNE HUARD TELLS STORY OF THE WAR

La Baronne Huard, daughter of Francis Wilson, paid her second visit to Lowell last evening and in "Colonial Hall" under the auspices of Molly Varnum chapter, D.A.R., continued her story of the war as she has seen it and experienced its thrills and its terrors. When she first came she had turned her chateau into a hospital but a short time ago the French government discouraged the idea of putting large sums into the enterprise, so La Baronne took over the house of a friend in Paris and her purpose during this tour is to raise funds for the endowment of this new hospital and for the addition of an X-ray room and other modern conveniences.

No admission was charged last evening but at the close of the illustrated lecture a collection was taken up and chances were sold on a large and beautiful portfolio of lithographs, worth \$50. The chances sold for 25 cents and the holder of the winning number was Mrs. Rodriguez Mignault.

The photographs used by La Baronne during her thrilling talk were taken by herself for the most part, many under difficulties and in places of great danger. There were pictures of the battlefields after the fight at the Marne with dead soldiers and horses lying unburied, and there were many views of the ruins of Soissons, mute evidence of the effectiveness of the bombardment which the city has suffered for 700 days. Finally there were pictures of the hospital which the earnest and talented lady described so vividly, and not the least interesting part of the lecture was that which told of the calm bravery with which trained nurses and hospital workers kept at their duties in the midst of death and destruction.

The introductory speech was made by Mrs. Burton H. Wiggin, regent of Molly Varnum chapter who referred to the aid given this country by Lafayette, Robineau and other French soldiers in the war of the revolution and called attention to the fact that La Baronne was American by birth and French by marriage.

La Baronne laughingly said that Mrs. Wiggin had stolen her introductory speech as she had meant to say that she was American by birth and French by education and marriage and therefore had several good reasons for being neutral. To lead up to the subject of her lecture, she reviewed her former talk in Lowell, recalling her flight from her chateau before the German invasion and her return over the smoking battlefields after the battle of the Marne. She showed pictures of large spaces covered with black specks, each speck being a dead man. She told of having seen soldiers pouring oil and tar on great piles of corpses which were then set on fire.

She threw on the screen a picture of a handsome woman in the uniform of a Red Cross nurse, and in great detail related a story of bravery that shows a side of war. This woman had stayed at her post in a convent in daily dread of death and when the Germans came she nursed them as she had formerly nursed the French and British. She had been often threatened with death and when the Germans refused to bury ten corpses of British soldiers which lay decomposing in the public square she went out at night and, taking each corpse in a wheelbarrow to the cemetery dug their graves herself and gave them burial. One day the German crown prince came and complimented her, asking if all French women were like her and she looked at him calmly and said: "Yes, if your officers had obeyed their orders I should not have been here to take care of your soldiers."

A very interesting journey was that should expand its playground system. He said statistics show that the death rate is greatly decreased in districts where there are breathing places.

Jackson Palmer said there are two things to look at, first, can the city afford to purchase the Fair grounds, and if so, can it afford it promptly. He said he believed it could, and that for the city to get back, while the assessed valuation of land is low. He spoke of the Fair grounds being the old camp grounds for the guard organized by Benjamin Butler, Lowell's greatest soldier and statesman, and he said he believed the Fair grounds should be purchased if only as a tribute to the memory of Benjamin Butler.

Anthony A. Conway said there are substantial tax payers in the district and they should receive recognition. He said on account of the present conditions of the grounds the only expenditure would be in the purchase. James J. Gallagher said the residents of the district are not selfish and they are very slow in demanding improvements. He related an incident which occurred when he was on the board of aldermen, which had to do with the laying of a trunk sewer in the locality and he closed by saying the grounds should be taken now while it is at its lowest valuation.

Others who spoke in favor of the project were Clarence M. Wood of the park board, who favored a park or playground in every part of the city, Smith J. Adams and Representative Dennis A. Murphy. At the close of the hearing Mr. Sullivan said the petition was signed by over 500 residents of the district. Commissioner Donnelly said he is interested in the project and accordingly he has had the plot laid out and looked up by the city engineer and made there are 40 lot owners and the land is assessed at \$14,150. At this point the hearing was closed.

Commissioner Donnelly was given permission to contract with F. E. Moley for the laying of a matched floor in Memorial building at a cost of \$800, and he was also given permission to sell through the office of the purchasing agent two second-hand steam radiators. An agreement between the National Engineering Co. and the city for the extension of time from 120 to 165 working days for the construction of the Plymouth bridge was approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 o'clock until 10 o'clock this morning.

## COAL WEIGHERS LONG DEAD REAPPOINTED

OTHERS NEVER SWORN IN, SAYS STATE COMMISSIONER HANSON

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Instances of abuse of authority by city officials in the appointment of weighers of coal have come to the attention of Thure Hanson, state commissioner of weights and measures, who yesterday sent a letter to sealers of weights and measures in cities and towns throughout the state, insisting on their unremitting vigil in stamping out the practice of short-weighting, particularly in the sale of coal, coke and kindling.

Mr. Hanson said he found that some men had been appointed and confirmed weighers year after year until his department discovered they had been dead a number of years. Other cases have been found, he said, where weighers have peddled out in 50-cent and \$1 lots for more than \$5000.

Came From New York. Finer, who, it is believed, came to Boston from New York, was arrested by officers of the East Dedham street police station in a raid on a lodging house at 530 Tremont street, South End, early Sunday morning. He pleaded not guilty to the charge in court and was held in \$2000 for a hearing Friday.

As the result of information received by the police a warrant was secured Saturday and early Sunday morning Sergeant McKinnon, with Patrolmen Kilroy, McMillan, King, Toland and Rattus, raided the lodging house at 530 Tremont street, where it was learned that Finer had a room with his wife on the third floor.

Two of the officers were stationed on the street outside the house and when the others entered the room it was alleged Finer threw some packages out of the window, which were recovered by the officers on the street and found to contain narcotic drugs.

Handbag Filled. In a search of Finer and his effects in the room a check for a handbag at the Back Bay railroad station was found. This bag was recovered and yesterday the officers displayed the large quantity of narcotic drugs which the alleged it contained, including packages of heroin, morphine and cocaine in tablet, powdered and crystal form.

The drugs were piled upon a table in District Attorney Pelletier's office and photographs of them taken. In the bag was found a quantity of the drugs done up in small envelopes and white papers, which the police allege were for the retail trade, to be sold at 50 cents and \$1 each.

The police claim that Finer was a wholesaler in narcotic drugs and that he kept but a limited quantity in his room or about his clothing. He had no waders at his room, and it was only after observing his movements for several days that the officers found out where he had lodgings.

The boxes containing the drugs bore St. Louis, New York, Chicago, Milwaukee, Montreal and London, England, labels.

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## A BIG SEIZURE OF DRUGS IN BOSTON

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—The biggest seizure yet made in the crusade against illegal traffic in narcotic drugs being waged by District Attorney Pelletier's office and the Boston police department came to light yesterday, when Abraham Finer was arraigned in the police court on a charge of having narcotic drugs in his possession. The wholesale value was estimated at about \$2000, but the drugs would have been peddled out in 50-cent and \$1 lots for more than \$5000.

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## BOSTON WOMEN PLAN TURKEY BOYCOTT

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Boston women will boycott turkeys for Christmas, as they did for Thanksgiving, unless the speculators put the prices down to a point where they can be bought for 31 cents a pound retail.

Mrs. Ida M. Hebbard, president of the Housekeepers' league, said last night that she will send out the word today to the several thousand women of the organization not to pay fancy prices for turkeys.

"I will not pay more than 31 cents a pound at retail," said Mrs. Hebbard. "That is high enough. I am preparing letters to all of the members of the league telling them that the price ought not to be higher than that, and you can be assured that if the price does not get down to that figure the speculators will get the same medicine they got at Thanksgiving time."

The wholesalers and commission men were taking early orders for Christmas turkeys yesterday at prices ranging from 31 to 35 cents a pound wholesale. These prices are very much lower than the prices they sought at Thanksgiving time, even lower than the price of 35 cents wholesale at the last minute because of the effective boycott directed by the women of Boston.

In contrast to Mrs. Hebbard's position that turkeys at 34 to 40 cents a pound retail are higher than justified, retailers were practically unanimous that a boycott for lower prices will be ineffective, as they regard the wholesale price of 31 to 35 and the retail price of 34 to 36 and 40 to be within reason and fair when everything is considered.

In the market district it is authoritatively reported that the speculators' loss on Thanksgiving turkeys was well over a half million dollars.

Warning to Dealers. Mr. Hanson told of a letter which he had sent to all local dealers, which they will receive this morning, insisting upon unremitting vigil by them in the stamping out of short weight of various descriptions, particularly in the sale of coal, coke, and kindling, according to Mr. Hanson, a widespread abuse has been discovered among city officials in the appointment of weighers of coal.

One instance, he said, revealed that the same men had been appointed weighers year after year and confirmed until an inspection by the state de-

partment revealed that some of them had died years previously. Other cases had been found, he said, where weighers have served for long terms without having been sworn in.

There were many other abuses pointed out by the commissioner, most of which had a direct bearing on the high cost of living problem, and Mr. Hanson argued that the short-weighting evil had become sufficient to warrant a general inquiry.

At the close of the afternoon session chairman Luce said that the commission had become well enough informed, through those who had already appeared before it, to be able to profit by further information that it can secure through a public hearing. "The commission will also be glad to have any citizen send it, at the state house by mail, any information or suggestions bearing upon this subject," he said.

STRANDED ON PAVEMENT. A heavy sled belonging to the C. H. Hanson Co. and laden with products of the Harvard Brewing Co. got stranded on the bare pavement at the corner of Merrimack and Central sts. about 10:30 o'clock this morning, tying up traffic for a short time.

Traffic Officer Sheridan, with the assistance of employees of the Bay State Street Railway Co., finally succeeded in moving the sled over the bare spot. Ropes were attached to the poles of the sled and to one of the electric cars, but the ropes parted and then with the use of a pole and an electric car the sled was pushed from the bare spot to good sledding, the willing and able horses doing their bit all the time.

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This discovery will prevent those painful corns, the monthly foot lookers, and infection heretofore resulting from the suicidal habit of cutting corns.

## We Open All Our Departments Friday Evening Saturday Afternoon Saturday Evening This Week

There are Ten Days (the next ten working days) in which to join the LOWELL THRIFT CLUB. During that time you may avoid the crowd and waiting in line at counter if you Mail Your Signature and address accompanied by your weekly deposit of 25 cents, 50 cents, \$1.00, \$2.00, \$5.00. We will return by mail your book.

We are going to accommodate the long hour workers of the city by keeping open-bank FRIDAY EVENING, SATURDAY AFTERNOON and SATURDAY EVENING.

These extra hours will also assist the MERCHANTS OF LOWELL whom we are glad to accommodate, whether regular customers or others during CHRISTMAS season.

MAIL YOUR THRIFT CLUB MONEY

Send Signature, Home Address, Money

WE DO THE REST

IT WILL SAVE WAITING IN LINE

LOWELL THRIFT CLUB

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